

TRANSFER GUIDE



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A comprehensive guide to help you navigate the transfer process

El Camino College

TRANSFER CENTER

Your bridge to a brighter future!

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WELCOME TO THE EL CAMINO COLLEGE TRANSFER CENTER!

The Transfer Center provides services and activities to help you through the process of transferring to a university. Understanding university admission requirements can sometimes seem complicated and overwhelming, but we can help you prepare and work toward becoming an eligible applicant to the university. We can help you look at all of your university options, make a good decision on where to transfer, and plan a road map to the university of your choice. It can be a smooth and easy process if you have all the information you need. By utilizing Transfer Center services and attending our activities, you will become more aware of your transfer opportunities, gain knowledge of transfer admission requirements, and will increase your motivation to achieve your transfer goals.

GET STARTED!

- ☐ Check out our Web page for transfer information, resources, and a list of our monthly activities at: www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/
- ☐ Make an appointment with one of our Transfer Counselors to develop a long-term Education Plan, learn more about Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG's), Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T's) and university partnerships. Appointments can be made in the Transfer Center daily Monday through Thursday for the following week.
- ☐ Attend the various workshops the Transfer Center offers (i.e. transfer admission guarantee (TAG), university application, etc.)
- ☐ For general transfer questions and assistance with your university application, make an appointment with a Transfer Advisor in the Transfer Center.
- ☐ Sign up for a university tour and a representative appointment in the Transfer Center.
- ☐ Visit the Transfer Center webpage to learn about university specific events and events hosted by the Transfer Center.
- ☐ Use this Transfer Guide.

California Higher Education Opportunities

Developed by the Transfer Center Updated 7/23/25	California Community Colleges	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Independent/Private Colleges
Number Statewide:	116 Statewide: El Camino College, Rio Hondo College, ELAC, LA City, LA Southwest, Pasadena, Santa Monica, Santa Ana and more	22 Statewide: Dominguez Hills, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona, San Diego, Channel Islands, San Jose, and more	10 Statewide: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Diego, and San Francisco (graduate & professional schools only)	75+ Statewide: USC, Loyola Marymount, Woodbury, Mount St. Mary's, Pepperdine, Art Center, OTIS, and more
Nature of Programs & Curriculum	Two-Year Colleges Career/Job entry majors Transfer Classes AA/AS Degrees Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) Vocational Degrees	Four-Year Universities with graduate programs Various Majors Pre-professional training Baccalaureate Degrees (BA/BS) Master's Degrees (MA/MS) Teaching Credentials Doctorate degrees in Education & Physical Therapy	Four-Year Universities with graduate & professional schools Various Majors Pre-professional training Baccalaureate Degrees (BA/BS) Master's Degrees (MA/MS) Doctorate & professional degrees (law, medical, etc.)	Varies according to size & scope of programs Comprehensive Liberal Arts Faith Affiliated Research Women's Colleges Specialized Graduate & Professional Schools
Cost: Tuition & Campus Fees Only (does not include books, room and board, etc.)	CA Residents: \$46 per unit (Plus \$26 mandatory health fee per fall or spring, \$22 per summer session & \$2 student representation fee) Non-Residents: \$466 per unit in addition to the general resident enrollment fee	CA Residents: Approximately \$7,150 - \$13,600* Non-Residents: \$444 per semester unit rate or \$280/quarter in addition to applicable tuition rates and campus fees* *Fees vary by campus	CA Residents: Approximately \$14,935 - \$17,200* per year Non-Residents: \$50,328 non-resident supplemental tuition in addition to applicable tuition rates and campus fees *Fees vary by campus	Varies: Approximately \$35,000-\$75,000 per year
Eligibility: Admission Minimum Requirements for Transfer Students	No subject requirements; Must be 18 years of age or a high school graduate	60 transferable semester units; Minimum GPA is 2.0; International students 2.4. Complete 30 units of general education with a C or better to include the "golden four": English composition, critical thinking, oral communication and college math. **Please note that the above minimum requirements must be completed by the end of the spring term prior to fall admission and by the end of summer for winter/spring admission. No personal essay required. Impacted campuses and majors require a higher GPA, completion of specific courses and/or exams. Check www.assist.org . For more information on impacted campuses and majors, go to https://www.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu	60 transferable semester units; Minimum GPA is 2.4; International students 2.8. Complete following course pattern with a C or better: 2 English composition courses and 1 college math course, 4 courses from at least 2 of the following subject areas: arts/humanities; social/behavioral science; physical/biological sciences, **Please note that the above minimum requirements must be completed by the end of the spring term prior to fall admission and by the end of summer for winter/spring admission. Personal insight questions required. Selective campuses and selective majors will require a higher GPA and completion of specific courses. Check www.assist.org .	Number of transferable units required varies. Minimum transferable GPA varies. Most require English composition and at least intermediate algebra. Most require a personal essay. *Check individual campus websites for details

TRANSFER TERMINOLOGY

7-Course Pattern – To be eligible for UC admission, students must complete the following 7-course pattern requirements, earning a grade of C or better in each course: two transferable courses in English composition; one transferable college course in mathematics and four transferable courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, physical and biological sciences.

Application Fee Waiver – Exempt of payment of the admission application fee for those students with demonstrated financial hardship.

Articulation Agreement – A written agreement that lists courses at one college that are equivalent (or acceptable in lieu of) courses at another college.

ASSIST – A Web-based student transfer information system which contains information about how courses taken at a California Community College can be applied when transferred to a University of California or a California State University campus.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT: AA-T/AS-T) – A transfer degree that meets CSU admission requirements and ECC's Associate degree requirements. An ADT also provides priority consideration to the CSU.

ADT Verification – Confirmation sent by El Camino College to CSU showing you are on track to earn your ADT (AA-T or AS-T). This happens automatically once you submit your Intent to Graduate petition by the deadline.

Bachelor's or Baccalaureate Degree – A Bachelor of Arts, Science or related degree is awarded upon completion of a program of study.

Cal-GETC – The general education pathway that community college students can follow to satisfy the lower-division GE requirements for the University of California (UC), the California State University (CSU), and some private and out-of-state institutions.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) – An academic support program that provides services to students who may have economic, educational or social disadvantages.

Elective – Courses not required for the major or general education but are acceptable for credit. An elective course may be in the student's major area of study or any department of a college.

Filing Period – The period of time during which campuses will accept applications for students wishing to enroll in a particular semester or quarter.

General Education Certification – Refers to a notation on the final official transcript that indicates a student has completed the lower division general education requirements for the CSU General Education Breadth or IGETC patterns. Certification exempts students from taking lower division general education courses at the CSU or UC campus to which they are transferring.

General Education Requirements – A group of courses, in varied areas of the arts and sciences, designated by a college as one of the requirements for a degree.

Golden 4 – Four critical courses that a student must complete with a 'C' or better to be eligible for admission to a CSU. They include Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking and a transferable Math course.

Impacted Major/Campus – When the number of applications received is expected to be larger than the number of spaces available. Additional criteria are then considered in making an admission decision and students must apply during a specified time period.

Independent College/University – In California there are more than 75 accredited colleges and universities which are not supported by public funding.

Intent to Enroll / Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) – The process of officially accepting an offer of admission to a college or university. CSU refers to this as the "Intent to Enroll," while UC calls it the "Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)". A deposit may also be required to hold your spot.

Local Area Admission – A CSU admissions policy that offers priority admission to students that attend a "local" community college determined by the individual CSU campus. Out-of-local area applicants may be held to higher or additional admission criteria.

Lower Division – Courses at the freshman or sophomore level of college. Community colleges offer lower division courses.

Minor – A secondary field of study outside of the major that is declared at the four-year university. It often requires substantially less course work than a major.

Pre-requisite – Requirement that must be met before enrolling in a particular course.

Professional Schools – Law, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, pharmacy and other health science schools which require or recommend specific undergraduate preparation.

Quarter System – Approximately 10 weeks of instruction offered three times a year, during the fall, winter and spring. Some institutions also offer a summer quarter.

Resident/Non-Resident Status – Student status based on place of legal residence. Non-residents (out-of-state) often have to pay higher fees and meet higher admission requirements at state financed colleges and universities.

Semester-System – Approximately 16-18 weeks of instruction offered two times a year, during the fall and spring.

Transferable Grade Point Average (G.P.A) – The indication of the overall level of academic achievement in transferable courses.

Undergraduate – A student enrolled in coursework leading towards a bachelor's degree.

Units – The measure of college credit given a course, usually on the basis of one unit for each lecture hour per week or for every two to three laboratory hours per week.

Upper Division – Courses at the junior and senior level offered at four-year institutions.

SEMESTER VS. QUARTER

SEMESTER SYSTEM

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>
Starts late August - mid December	Starts late January - mid May

Campuses on Semester System

UC
UC Berkeley
UC Merced

CSU
Cal Poly Humboldt
Cal Poly Maritime Academy
(Solano Campus)
Cal Poly Pomona
CSU Bakersfield
CSU Channel Islands
CSU Chico
CSU Dominguez Hills
CSU East Bay
CSU Fresno
CSU Fullerton
CSU Long Beach
CSU Los Angeles
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Northridge
CSU Sacramento
CSU San Bernardino
CSU San Marcos
CSU Stanislaus
San Diego State
San Francisco State
San Jose State
Sonoma State

QUARTER SYSTEM

<i>Fall Quarter</i>	<i>Winter Quarter</i>	<i>Spring Quarter</i>
Starts late September - mid December	Starts early January - late March	Starts early April - mid June

Campuses on Quarter System

UC
UC Davis

UC Irvine

UCLA

UC Riverside

UC San Diego

UC Santa Barbara

UC Santa Cruz

CSU
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*

*Effective fall 2026, Cal Poly SLO will transition to a semester system.

For up-to-date information and exceptions to the application filing periods check the following websites:

CSU campuses: calstate.edu/apply

UC campuses: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/

PREPARATION FOR TRANSFER TO UC AND CSU

Meet with a counselor to set up an educational plan, become an upper division transfer applicant and make yourself as competitive as possible for admission into your university of choice.

Upper Division Transfer Student: A student who has completed 60 transferable units and the appropriate courses by the end of the spring term prior to fall admission and by the end of summer for winter/spring admission. Admissions will be based on college work only.

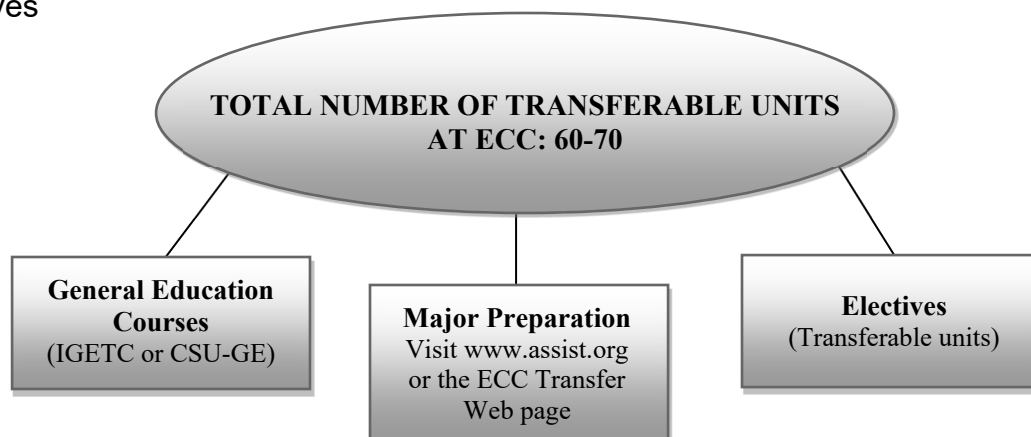
**AS AN UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER STUDENT,
EARN 50 PERCENT OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT EL CAMINO COLLEGE**

El Camino College: Freshman/Sophomore work

Lower division general education requirements

Lower division major requirements

Electives



University: Junior/Senior work

Upper division general education coursework (CSU requirement only)

Upper division major requirements

Electives (if necessary)

Minor (optional)



2025-2026 TRANSFER TIMELINE FOR UC & CSU

May 1 – 31, 2025– UC TAG filing period for Winter/Spring 2026 (*UCM only)

July 1 – 31, 2025 – UC application filing period for Winter/Spring 2026 (*UCM and UCSC open)

August 1 – 31, 2025 – CSU application filing period for Spring 2026. To check which campuses are accepting applications, visit: <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/>

September 1 – 30, 2025 – UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) application filing period for Fall 2026. Submit online TAG application at <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu>. You must also submit a UC application between October 1 - November 30, 2025.

September 2025 – Begin working on your UC Personal Insight Questions (PIQs) early so you have drafts ready for the Fall PIQ open labs. Have someone review your responses. Start searching for scholarships (highly recommended for AB 540 students).

Mid-September 2025 – Check the Transfer Center website for a list of CSU/UC application workshops and open labs (registration required): <https://www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/events-and-workshops/transfer-workshops.aspx>

October 1 – December 1, 2025 – CSU application filing period for Fall 2026. Apply for admission at <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/>. Be sure to attend a CSU application workshop and open lab for support. If you are planning to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T), make sure to indicate it on your application.

October 1 – December 1, 2025 – UC application filing period for Fall 2026. Apply for admission at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu. Be sure to attend a UC application workshop and open lab for support.

October 2025 – March 2, 2026 – Submit the 2026-2027 FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> or the Dream Act application at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> (for AB 540 students only). For maximum award eligibility, apply early and be sure to list all UC, CSU, and Private/Out-of-State institutions to which you plan to apply.

January – February 2026 – If you plan to earn an AA/AS or AA-T/AS-T degree at the end of Spring 2026, complete the appropriate Intent to Graduate online form by the posted deadline. Forms are available at: www.elcamino.edu/support/counseling/graduation.php. AA-T and AS-T transfer applicants file your form in January so Admissions & Records can submit verification on your behalf by the March 15, 2026 deadline.

January 2026

1. Update your UC/CSU application with your final Fall 2025 grades and verify your Winter/Spring 2026 coursework.
 - UC: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/after-you-apply/
 - CSU: <https://calstate.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>.
2. Some CSU campuses require a supplemental application to be completed and may also require you to submit official transcripts with Fall 2025 grades from all colleges or universities attended.

March 1 – May 1, 2026 – Campuses begin sending admissions decisions. Check your email and campus portals for admissions status. Notify the Transfer Center where you were admitted by completing the Accepted to the University form: <https://bit.ly/acceptedtouniversity>.

May 1 – June 1, 2026 – Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to the UC or CSU you plan to attend.

May – June 2026 – Attend the Transfer Center **Admit Reception/Celebration** at ECC. For event details and the RSVP link, visit: <https://www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/events-and-workshops/admit-reception.php>

June 2026 (end of semester) – Once you have been admitted and decided which university you will attend, request the following through the ECC Admissions webpage (<https://www.elcamino.edu/admissions/>):

1. **Request your final official transcript to be sent to the university you are attending by the their posted deadline:**
 - If you are earning an AA-T or AS-T, make sure your degree is posted on your transcript before sending.
 - Request CSU-GE or IGETC certification and confirm it is posted on your transcript before sending.

CSU ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

- ___ 1. **Meet with an ECC Counselor (and a university rep if possible)** to review your academic records, determine your eligibility and competitiveness as an upper division transfer applicant, and create an educational plan. Follow your plan to make sure you are taking the right courses to meet general education, major preparation and CSU admission requirements.
 - ___ A. **Follow the Cal-GETC general education (GE) pattern**, which is the new standard GE pattern for the CSU and UC systems. If you started before Fall 2025, you may still be eligible to use the CSU GE or IGETC based on your catalog rights.
 - ___ B. **Complete the “Golden Four” early** — transferable Math, English Composition, Critical Thinking and Oral Communication — to be considered for admission to the CSU.
 - ___ C. **Take major prep courses** so you are better prepared for upper-division coursework when you transfer to the university. Refer to www.assist.org.
 - ___ D. **If you took AP exams in high school**, ask for a CSU evaluation. CSU campuses evaluate AP scores differently than El Camino College.
- ___ 2. **Understand CSU impactation.** Refer to the Undergraduate Impacted Program database (<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu>) to check if your intended major or campus is impacted. If so, visit the specific campus website to review the admissions criteria and when requirements must be completed (i.e. grade point average, major prep courses).
- ___ 3. **Learn about Local Area Admission Priority.** CSU campuses give priority to applicants from their local service area. Refer to the <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/freshman/documents/csulocaladmission-serviceareas.pdf> to determine which CSU’s apply local area admissions policies.
- ___ 4. **Explore Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) Options.** Ask about the benefits of earning an AA-T or AS-T. Majors include: Administration of Justice, Anthropology, Art History, Business Administration, Communication Studies, Early Childhood Education, Economics, Elementary Teacher Education, English, Geography, Geology, History, Journalism, Kinesiology, Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Social Justice Studies, Sociology, Spanish, Studio Arts, and Theatre Arts. Note: Additional majors may become available.
- ___ 5. **Attend CSU Transfer Workshops.** Stay informed and get support with the admissions and application process. Visit the Transfer Center Workshops webpage for dates/times: www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/events-and-workshops/transfer-workshops.aspx
- ___ 6. **Apply broadly.** Apply to at least four campuses, especially if your first choice campus is impacted. If possible, list an alternate major if your first choice major is impacted. Apply a year before the intended transfer term and do not miss important application filing deadlines. Note: Fee waivers are available for eligible students.
- ___ 7. **Use these key CSU resources:**
 - o calstate.edu/apply
The official CSU application website. Includes campus-specific admission information, deadlines, and transfer application guidance.
 - o www.assist.org
Determine what courses transfer from ECC to the CSU system and which courses are required for your major.

CAL STATE APPLICATION

To apply to a CSU and for general information visit:
calstate.edu/apply

CAL STATE APPLY INFORMATION:

- ***Explore Campuses:** Learn about each CSU and compare campuses using the CSU Campus Match tool. Explore all 23 campuses by location, degrees/majors, size, setting and more.
- ***Choosing a Degree:** Research degrees and majors across the 23 CSU campuses. Learn about impaction, Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) and how to find the program that is right for you.
- ***Financial Aid:** Discover how affordable a CSU education can be and learn about financial aid options including grants and loans.
- ***Apply Online:** Complete and submit your undergraduate admissions application through Cal State Apply.
- ***Application Status:** Check which campuses are currently accepting applications and which majors are open or closed.

STEPS TO APPLYING TO A CSU:

1. **Create your Cal State Apply account** at calstate.edu/apply.
2. **Attend a CSU Application Workshop** (in-person or virtual) for a step-by-step overview of the application.
 - Visit the Transfer Center for dates/times or check the workshop webpage at: www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/events-and-workshops/
3. **Gather these items before starting your application:**
 - ◆ Unofficial Transcripts from all colleges attended
 - ◆ Social Security number (if you have one)
 - ◆ Annual income: Your parent's (if you are a dependent) or your own income information (if you are independent)
 - ◆ The AA-T or AS-T degree you are earning and list it on your application (if applicable).
 - ◆ Payment method or application fee waiver (if eligible)
4. **Attend an Application Assistance Lab** for help filling out your application.
 - Bring your unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended.
5. **Before submitting your application**, attend an Assistance Lab for a final review.
 - visit the [Transfer Center Workshop webpage](#) for dates/times.

UC ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

- ___ 1. **Meet with an ECC Counselor (and a university rep if possible)** to review your academic records, determine your eligibility and competitiveness as an upper division transfer applicant, and create an educational plan. Follow your plan to make sure you are taking the right courses to meet major preparation, general education and UC minimum admission requirements.
 - ___ A. **Follow the Cal-GETC general education (GE) pattern**, which is the new standard GE pattern for the UC and CSU systems. If you started before Fall 2025, you may still be eligible to use IGETC based on your catalog rights.
 - ___ B. **Complete transferable Math and English courses early** (preferably by the end of the fall term you are applying) to be more competitive when you apply.
 - ___ C. **Complete major preparation courses early**. The more major courses you complete before applying, the more competitive you will be. Use www.assist.org to see the major preparation coursework expected by each UC campus.
 - ___ D. **If you took AP exams in high school**, ask for a UC evaluation. UC campuses evaluate AP scores differently than El Camino College.
- ___ 2. **Find out if your UC campus or major is highly selective**. If so, review the admission requirements carefully, including GPA expectations, major prep, and any supplemental materials (e.g., portfolios, auditions, or interviews). Be aware when requirements must be completed to be considered for admission.
- ___ 3. **Learn about UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) programs**. ECC has TAG agreements with most UC campuses. To explore eligibility criteria, the TAG Matrix, and the online TAG application visit:
<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html>.
- ___ 4. **Ask about the benefits of joining the Honors Transfer Program**. Please visit www.elcamino.edu/support/resources/honors-transfer/
- ___ 5. **Attend UC Transfer Workshops**. Get help with the UC application, Personal Insight Questions (PIQs), and the admissions process. Visit the Transfer Center Workshops webpage for dates/times: www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/events-and-workshops/transfer-workshops.aspx
- ___ 6. **Apply broadly**. Apply to at least four UC campuses, especially if your first choice campus is selective. Apply on time and meet all UC deadlines. Most campuses accept fall applications only, typically a year before enrollment. If your first-choice major is selective, list an alternate if possible. Note: Fee waivers are available for eligible students.
- ___ 7. **Use these helpful UC transfer websites:**
 - o <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/> - Explore UC campuses, transfer admission requirements and access the UC admission application.
 - o www.assist.org - Determine what courses transfer from ECC to the UC system and which courses are required for your major.

UC APPLICATION

All UC campuses require students to apply online at:

apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

UC APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- * **Explore the nine undergraduate campuses** - Find the UC campus that is the best fit for you.
- * **Prepare for admission:** Review general education and major preparation required for admission to the UC system.
- * **Use the Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)** tool to track and plan your courses to meet UC admission requirements.
- * **Learn about Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG)** - Use the Transfer Admission Planner to apply for a TAG.
- * **Work on your Personal Insight Questions** - Learn tips and techniques on how to answer the personal insight questions.
- * **Apply to UC** - Submit an undergraduate admission application online; check open/closed majors; apply for a fee waiver in the application.
- * **Paying for UC** - Explore financial aid options and ways to pay for your UC education.

STEPS TO APPLYING TO A UC:

1. **Create you UC Application account at:** apply.universityofcalifornia.edu
2. **Attend a UC Application Workshop** (in-person or virtual) for a step-by-step overview of the application.
 - See Transfer Center Workshop webpage for dates/times at:
www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/events-and-workshops/
3. **Gather these items before starting your application:** Have all unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended, your Social Security number (if you have one), annual income information (your parents if you are a dependent), or your own if you are independent), a payment method or fee waiver (if eligible).
4. **Start your Personal Insight Questions (PIQs) early.** Attend a PIQ workshop and lab for guidance and feedback.
5. **Attend an Application Assistance Lab** for help completing your application.
 - Bring your unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended.
6. **Before submitting your application**, attend an Assistance Lab for a final review.
 - Visit the [Transfer Center Workshop webpage](https://www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/events-and-workshops/) for dates / times.

UC Personal Insight Questions



What are the Personal Insight Questions? These questions are about getting to know you better — your life experience, interests, ambitions and inspirations. Think of it as your interview with the admissions office. Be open. Be reflective. Find your individual voice and express it. While this section of the application is just one part we consider when making our admission decision, it helps provide context for the rest of your application.

The Basics

- You will need to answer 4 questions total: One question is required, and you must also answer 3 out of 7 additional questions.
- Responses to each question should be between 250-350 words.
- Which three questions you choose to answer of the seven are up to you: But you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.
- All questions are equal: All questions are given equal consideration in the application review process, which means there is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing certain questions over others.

Transfer Questions & Brainstorm Exercises

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.

Suggestions for the Required Question:

- How did your interest in your major develop? Do you have any experience related to your major outside the classroom — such as volunteer work, internships and employment, or participation in student organizations and activities? If you haven't had experience in the field, consider including experience in the classroom. This may include working with faculty or doing research projects.
- If you're applying to multiple campuses with a different major at each campus, think about approaching the topic from a broader perspective, or find a common thread among the majors you've chosen.

Additional Questions: *You will also need to answer any three of the following seven questions.*

1) Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

Suggestions for Question #1:

- A leadership role can mean more than just a title. It can mean being a mentor to others, acting as the person in charge of a specific task, or taking lead role in organizing an event or project. Think about your accomplishments and what you learned from the experience. What were your responsibilities?
- Did you lead a team? How did your experience change your perspective on leading others? Did you help to resolve an important dispute at your school, church in your community or an organization? And your leadership role doesn't necessarily have to be limited to school activities. For example, do you help out or take care of your family?

2) Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

Suggestions for Question #2:

- What does creativity mean to you? Do you have a creative skill that is important to you? What have you been able to do with that skill?
- Was there ever a problem where your imagination and intuition guided you to the solution? What are the steps you took to solve the problem?
- How does your creativity influence your decisions inside or outside the classroom? Does your creativity relate to your major or a future career?
- Do you have a passion for music, theater, visual art, dance, etc.? What have you gained from it that has affected other parts of your life?

3) What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

Suggestions for Question #3:

- If there's a talent or skill that you're proud of, this is the time to share it. You don't necessarily have to be recognized or have received awards for your talent (although if you did and you want to talk about it, feel free to do so). Why is this talent or skill meaningful to you?
- Does the talent come naturally or have you worked hard to develop this skill or talent? Does your talent or skill allow you opportunities in or outside the classroom? If so, what are they and how do they fit into your schedule?

4) Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

Suggestions for Question #4:

Feel free to speak about either an opportunity or a barrier. It's OK if you've experienced one and not the other.

- **Educational Opportunities:** An educational opportunity can be anything that has added value to your educational experience and better prepared you for college. For example, participation in an honors or academic enrichment program, or enrollment in an academy that is geared toward an occupation or a major, or taking advanced courses that interest you — just to name a few. How did you take what you learned and apply it to your schoolwork or other aspects of your life?
- **Educational Barriers:** Have you faced any barriers or challenges related to school and/or your schoolwork? How did you overcome or strive to overcome them? What personal characteristics or skills did you call on to overcome this challenge? How did overcoming this barrier help shape who you are today?

5) Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

Suggestions for Question #5:

- A challenge could be personal, or something you have faced in your community or school. Why was the challenge significant to you? This is a good opportunity to talk about any obstacles you've faced and what you've learned from the experience. Did you have support from someone else or did you handle it alone?
- If you're currently working your way through a challenge, what are you doing now, and does that affect different aspects of your life? For example, ask yourself, "How has my life changed at home, at my school, with my friends or with my family?"

6) What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

Suggestions for Question #6:

- Think of community as a term that can encompass a group, team or a place – like your college, hometown, or home. You can define community as you see fit, just make sure you talk about your role in that community. Was there a problem that you wanted to fix in your community?
- Why were you inspired to act? What did you learn from your effort? How did your actions benefit others, the wider community or both? Did you work alone or with others to initiate change in your community?

7) Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

Suggestions for Question #7:

- If there's anything you want us to know about you, but didn't find a question or place in the application to tell us, now's your chance. What have you not shared with us that will highlight a skill, talent, challenge or opportunity that you think will help us know you better?
- From your point of view, what do you feel makes you an excellent choice for UC? Don't be afraid to brag a little.

***Next Steps:** As you filled out the worksheet, were there any topics that seemed particularly interesting? You might consider answering those questions as part of your application. But the choice is yours! Take your time in selecting which questions to answer and how to answer them. Remember, the personal insight questions are just that—personal. The important thing is expressing who you are, what matters to you and what you want to share with the UC.*

Suggestions for Answering the Personal Insight Questions

Answer the question. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. They are about you and your life thus far. Take time and think about each suggestion before you start writing. Use details and examples to make your point. Use your words strategically; is there a reason behind your example? Write to add context and depth, not to fill space.

Give yourself time to edit. Start writing then go back and review the word count, content, and overall message. You may not have space to tell us everything so make your words count.

Be you. Remember to talk about yourself so that we can get to know your personality, talents, accomplishments and potential to succeed at the UC campus.

Use your own voice. Your answers should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone, but others — instructors, counselors, advisors, family and friends — can offer valuable suggestions. Use plenty of "I" and "my" statements in your responses.

Stick to one topic per response. Present your information and ideas in a focused, thoughtful manner. Making a list of accomplishments, activities, awards, or work will lessen the impact of your words. Expand on a topic by using examples and facts for maximum impact to an Admissions reader.

Proofread and edit. Although you will not be evaluated on grammar, spelling or sentence structure, you should proofread your work and make sure your writing is clear. Grammatical and spelling errors can be distracting to the reader and get in the way of what you're trying to communicate.

Brainstorm Topics. When you are answering the Personal Insight Questions consider including:

- Personal triumphs or challenges—If you decide to talk about a challenge or triumph, do not forget to explain what you learned from the experience.
- Leadership opportunities—We value leadership at many levels (e.g. family, school, or community).
- Experiences outside the classroom—Consider experiences that have made an impact on your life (e.g., travels, church/temple, work, youth groups, or your family).
- Disabilities—If you are living with a disability, feel free to talk about it in the context of your ability to succeed.
- Culture—If your culture has influenced who you are, talk about it. Let it add to the picture we form of you.

Stay focused. Avoid common mistakes such as:

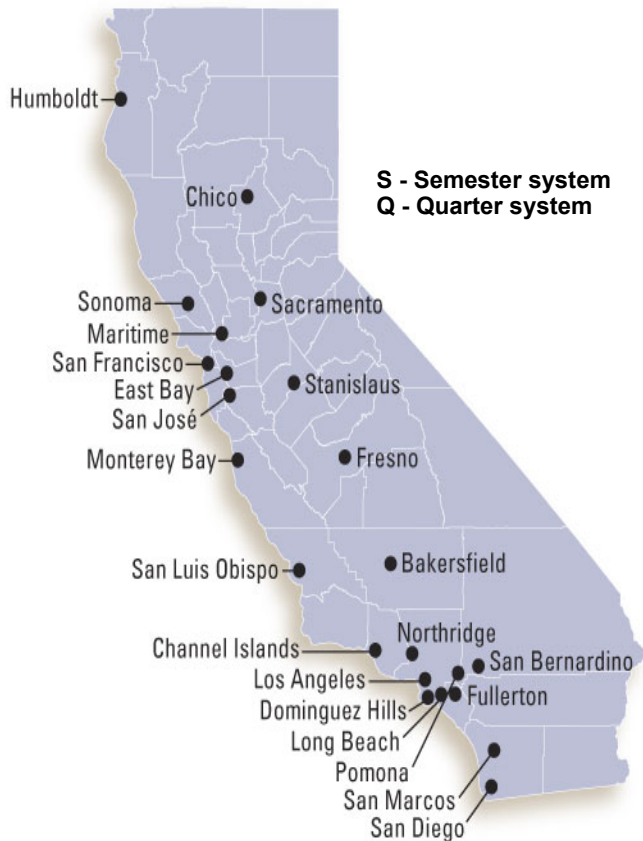
- Inappropriate use of humor.
- Creative writing (poems, scene setting, or clichés).
- Quotations—We want to know your thoughts and words, not someone else's.
- Generalities—Stick to facts and specifics you want us to know about yourself.
- Repetition—Do not talk about the same topic in each response. Give us new information we cannot find in other sections of the application.
- Lists of accomplishments or activities.
- Philosophy—Do describe your world in facts and examples. Don't ask questions without answers.
- Don't be campus specific. You're talking to all the UC campuses in your response.

Need More Information?

Please visit the following UC website:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/personal-insight-questions.html>

CSU Campus Locations & Contact Information



California State University, Bakersfield • S
9001 Stockdale Highway, Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022
(661) 654-3036 • www.csusb.edu

California State University, Channel Islands • S
One University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012
(805) 437-8400 • www.csuci.edu

California State University, Chico • S
400 W. First Street, Chico, CA 95929-0722
(530) 898-6321 • www.csuchico.edu

California State University, Dominguez Hills • S
1000 East Victoria Street, Carson, CA 90747
(310) 243-3696 • www.csudh.edu

California State University, East Bay • S
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, CA 94542-3035
(510) 885-2784 • www.csueastbay.edu

California State University, Fresno • S
5241 North Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA 93740-0057
(559) 278-2261 • www.fresnostate.edu

California State University, Fullerton • S
800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92831-3599
(657) 278-2011 • www.fullerton.edu

Cal Poly Humboldt • S
1 Harpst Street, Arcata, CA 95521-8299
(866) 850-9556 • www.humboldt.edu

California State University, Long Beach • S
1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840-0106
(562) 985-5471 • www.csulb.edu

California State University, Los Angeles • S
5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles CA 90032-8530
(323) 343-2752 • www.calstatela.edu

Cal Poly Maritime Academy (Solano Campus) • S
200 Maritime Academy Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590-8181
(707) 654-1330 • www.csum.edu

California State University, Monterey Bay • S
5108 Fourth Avenue, Marina, CA 93933
(831) 582-3518 • www.csumb.edu

California State University, Northridge • S
18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8207
(818) 677-3700 • www.csun.edu

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona • S
3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768-4003
(909) 869-5299 • www.cpp.edu

California State University, Sacramento • S
6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6112
(916) 278-6011 • www.csus.edu

California State University, San Bernardino • S
5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407-2397
(909) 537-5188 • www.csusb.edu

San Diego State University • S
5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-7455
(619) 594-6336 • www.sdsu.edu

San Francisco State University • S
1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94132-4002
(415) 338-6486 • www.sfsu.edu

San Jose State University • S
One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192-0016
(408) 924-1000 • www.sjsu.edu

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo • Q
1 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407
(805) 756-1111 • www.calpoly.edu

California State University, San Marcos • S
333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road
San Marcos, CA 92096-0001
(760) 750-4848 • www.csusm.edu

Sonoma State University • S
1801 East Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park, CA 94928
(707) 664-2880 • www.sonoma.edu

California State University, Stanislaus • S
One University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382
(209) 667-3070 • www.csustan.edu

UC Campus Locations & Contact Information



Distance from San Francisco (in miles)

UC Davis	71
UC Berkeley	12
UC Merced	135
UC Santa Cruz	74
UC Santa Barbara	335
UC Los Angeles	380

Distance from Los Angeles (in miles)

UC Irvine	40
UC Riverside	60
UC San Diego	120
UC Santa Barbara	95

UC Berkeley (S)
University of California
Berkeley, CA 94720
(510) 642-6000 / TTY (510) 642-9900
www.berkeley.edu

UC Davis (Q)
University of California
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 752-1011 / TTY (530) 752- 6446
www.ucdavis.edu

UC Irvine (Q)
University of California
Irvine, CA 92697
(949) 824-5011
www.uci.edu

UC Los Angeles (Q)
University of California
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 825-4321
www.ucla.edu

UC Merced (S)
University of California, Merced
(209) 228-4400
www.ucmerced.edu

UC Riverside (Q)
University of California
Riverside, CA 92521
(951) 827-1012
www.ucr.edu

UC San Diego (Q)
University of California
9500 Gilman Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093
(858) 534-2230
www.ucsd.edu

****UC San Francisco (Q)**
University of California
San Francisco, CA 94143
(415) 476-9000
www.ucsf.edu

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UC Santa Barbara (Q)
University of California
Santa Barbara, CA 93106
Voice/TTY (805) 893-8000
www.ucsb.edu

UC Santa Cruz (Q)
University of California
1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064
(831) 459-4412
www.ucsc.edu

Check out the admissions website for the entire University of California system:

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu

S - semester system
Q - quarter system

ASSIST

(Articulation System Stimulating Interinstitutional Student Transfer)

ASSIST is the official course transfer and articulation system for public California colleges and universities. It provides the most accurate and up-to-date information on how credits earned at a California Community College transfer to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus. Note: ASSIST also includes articulation agreements with some California private/independent four-year institutions.

****ASSIST is designed to help students and counselors work together to develop a clear transfer path. It is a valuable planning tool, but it should not replace meeting with a counselor for personalized guidance.**

What You Can Do on ASSIST:

- **Check Transferable Course Lists:** Determine whether a particular course from any of California's 116 community colleges is transferable to a CSU or UC campus.
- **Review Major Agreements:** Identify CSU and UC courses for a specific major and find the equivalent community college courses that satisfy those lower-division major requirements.
- **Explore Majors:** Discover which CSU and UC campuses offer your intended major and any areas of emphasis listed for that program.

How to Use ASSIST:

- Go to: www.assist.org
- Select El Camino College from the "Institution" dropdown menu
- Select the UC or CSU of your choice from the "Agreements with Other Institutions" dropdown menu
- Select your major - (University courses will be listed on the left, and the equivalent ECC courses will be on the right).

Other Helpful Information on ASSIST:

- CSU transferable courses
- Courses that meet CSU GE-Breadth requirements
- Courses that meet the CSU U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals requirement
- Cal-GETC for UC and CSU
- IGETC for UC and CSU
- UC transferable courses
- Courses that meet UC Transfer Admissions Eligibility
- UC credit limitations
- Find out which CSU or UC offers your major at www.transferbound.com/

View a tutorial on how to navigate the ASSIST website: <https://resource.assist.org/Tutorials>

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE & OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS

If you are considering applying to a private or out-of-state college/university, keep in mind:

- ◆ Each institution has its own admission requirements and general education pattern.
- ◆ Many private universities accept IGETC to satisfy general education requirements.
- ◆ Students should consult with a counselor for additional information.

Complete list of articulation agreements: www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/transfer-requirements/articulation-agreements.aspx.

EL CAMINO COLLEGE HAS ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

(Links to agreements available on ECC's articulation agreements webpage)

Academy of Art University

Antioch University

Arizona State University (ASU) / Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising

Azusa Pacific University General Education: APU and ECC course articulation

Biola University Transfer Admissions; Course equivalencies

Brigham Young University—Utah (update in progress)

Idaho State University, Fire Science Administration

Loma Linda University

Loyola Marymount University (LMU) Transfer Agreements

Mount St. Mary's University

National University

New School of Architecture and Design

OTIS College of Arts and Design (update in progress)

Pacific Oaks; Liberal Studies Blended Program (update in progress)

Pepperdine University (Seaver)

Pepperdine University (Graziadio School of Business and Management)

Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc)

University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF), Bachelor of Security and Emergency Management

University of the Pacific

University of Redlands; Major Prep: Business (update in progress)

University of Southern California (USC)

- ◆ USC Articulation Agreements: <https://darsweb.usc.edu/articagmnt/artic.aspx>
- ◆ USC Transfer Planning Guide: <https://darsweb.usc.edu/TPG/>

Visit the [ECC Articulation Agreements Page](#) for full agreements and details.



2025-2026 Cal-GETC Advisement Sheet (Effective Fall 2025 through Summer 2026)

A minimum "C" grade is required in each college course for Cal-GETC. A "C" is defined as a minimum 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale. Courses with **superscripts** indicate the year effective (articulated). Courses with **superscripts** in parentheses indicate the year ineffective (archived). For all effective and ineffective dates of ECC and other California Community College (CCC) courses articulated visit assist.org.

AP = Advanced Placement IB = International Baccalaureate C = Completed IP = In Progress N = Needs

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the singular general education pathway for California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements necessary for transfer and admission to both the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC). Completion of the Cal-GETC is not an admission requirement or admission guarantee for transfer to the CSU or UC, nor is it the only way to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements for students at the CSU or UC. However, Cal-GETC may be a requirement for some programs (e.g., if an ADT is required). Students may choose to complete coursework to meet the CSU or UC campus-specific breadth requirements of the university program to which they plan to transfer.

- All courses taken to meet Cal-GETC requirements must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. A grade of Credit or Pass may be used if the college's policy states it is equivalent to a grade of C or better.
- No more than 14 semester units (21 quarter units) of Pass/No Pass (Credit/No Credit), excluding credit by examination, may be used toward Cal-GETC certification
- Although courses may be listed in multiple general education areas (1-6), a course can be given credit in only one GE subject area.
- Courses from foreign institutions cannot be used for Cal-GETC certification, however, international courses can be evaluated at the receiving CSU or UC and applied to their campus-specific breadth requirements.
- This advisement sheet can be modified or updated from time to time. All CSU/UC transferable courses can be verified at www.assist.org.
- Consult with a counselor regarding which catalog year may be most beneficial and appropriate (i.e., if you are eligible to use previous CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC patterns).

AREA 1 – ENGLISH COMMUNICATION (three courses; one each from 1A, 1B and 1C — 9 semester or 12 quarter units)

1A ENGLISH COMPOSITION (one course — 3 semester or 4-5 quarter units)

Course _____ College/AP (No IB score accepted) _____ Units ____ C/IP/N ____

English C1000 (formerly 1A), C1000H (formerly 1AH), 1AE (for English Language Learners)

1B CRITICAL THINKING AND COMPOSITION (one course – 3 semester or 4-5 quarter units)

Course _____ College (No AP or IB score accepted) _____ Units ____ C/IP/N ____

English C1001 (formerly 1C), C10001H (formerly 1CH); **Philosophy** 105, 105H; **Psychology** 103 (formerly 3), 103H (formerly 3H)

1C ORAL COMMUNICATION (one course – 3 semester or 4-5 quarter units)

Course _____ College (No AP or IB score accepted) _____ Units ____ C/IP/N ____

Communication Studies C1000 (formerly 100 (Formerly 1)), C1000H

AREA 2 – MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

Course _____ College/AP/IB _____ Units ____ C/IP/N ____

Math 115⁰³, 120, 130, 140, (150), (150H), (160), (161), 165, 180, 190, 191, 210, 220, 270;

Business 116; **Communication Studies** 180; **Psychology** 109A^{SP07}; **Sociology** 109A⁰⁷; **Statistics** C1000 (formerly Math 150), C1000H (formerly Math 150H)

AREA 3 – ARTS AND HUMANITIES (two courses; one course from 3A, one course from 3B — 6 semester or 9 quarter units)**3A ARTS** (one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

Course _____ College/AP/IB _____ Units _____ C/IP/N _____

Architecture 104²¹, 107¹⁹, 108¹⁹; **Art History** 101, 102A, 102AH, 102B, 102C, 106, 109, 205A, 205B, 207, 208, 208H, 209⁰⁴, 210; **Dance** 101⁹⁹, 103⁰⁰; **Film** 105, 110⁰⁴, 154; **Music** 111, 112, 112H, 113, 115, 116, 117, 215A, 215B; **Photography** 150 (same as Art 150); **Theater** 103, 104

3B HUMANITIES (one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

Course _____ College/AP/IB _____ Units _____ C/IP/N _____

American Studies 7⁰⁸; **Anthropology** 4¹⁷, 4H, 11¹⁷; **Chinese** 2⁰⁷, 3, 24⁰⁸; **English** 1B, 1BH, 12, 15A, 15B, 18, 20, 21, 27¹⁰, 28, 30, 31, 34⁰⁹, 35, 36, 39, 40A, 40B, 41B (if taken between 02-13, or fall 2015 or later), 42, 43, 44, 46, 47⁰⁴, 48, 90; **Film** 100, 153, **French** 2¹³, 3¹³, 4¹³; **History** 101, 101H, 102, 102H, 105⁰⁹, 106⁰⁹, 108⁰⁹, 110⁰⁹, 111⁰⁹, 112⁰⁹, 114, 122, 122H, 128, 129¹⁰, 140, 141, 143⁰⁰, 145, 152, 154, 162, 163, 175, 176, 178, 183¹⁰, 184⁰⁹, 190¹⁹; **German** 2¹¹, 3²¹; **Humanities** 1⁰⁷; **Italian** 2¹⁷, 24; **Japanese** 2⁰⁸, 3¹⁰, 4¹⁰, 25⁰⁹; **Philosophy** 101, 101H, 103, 107, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 117 (same as Political Science 7), 120; **Political Science** 7⁹⁵ (same as Philosophy 117); **Sign language** 112, 113, 114, (115¹⁴), 130; **Spanish** 2¹³, 3¹¹, 4¹¹, 5²⁰, 6²⁰, 24²⁰, 52A⁰², 52B⁰²

AREA 4 – SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (Select two courses from two academic disciplines/groups — 6 semester or 8 quarter units)

Course _____ College/AP/IB _____ Units _____ C/IP/N _____

Course _____ College/AP/IB _____ Units _____ C/IP/N _____

Administration of Justice 100²⁰, 103²⁰, 115²⁰; **American Studies** 7⁹⁷; **Anthropology** 2, 2H, 3, 4, 4H, 6, 7⁰¹, 8⁰², 9⁰¹, 11⁰¹, 12; **Child Development** 103⁰⁴; **Communication Studies** 260 (formerly 14⁰⁷), 265 (formerly 5⁰⁷), 265H, 275; **Economics** 100 (formerly 5), 101 (formerly 1), 101H (formerly 1H), 102 (formerly 2); **Ethnic Studies** 1, 3, 5, 9; **Geography** 2, 5, 5H, 7; **History** 101⁰⁹, 101H, 102⁰⁹, 102H, 105⁹⁷, 106⁹⁷, 108, 110⁹⁷, 111⁹⁷, 112⁹⁷, 114, 122⁰⁹, 122H, 128⁰⁷, 129, 140⁰⁸, 141⁰⁸, 143⁰⁹, 145, 152, 154⁰⁹, (courses no longer offered 162⁰⁹, 163⁰⁹, 175⁰⁹, 176⁰⁹, 178⁰⁹, 183⁰⁶, 184⁰⁷, 190¹⁹); **Journalism** 12⁰⁸; **LGBT** 101; **Physical Education** 212, 275²¹; **Political Science** C1000 (formerly 1), C1000H (formerly 1H), 2, 3, 5, 6⁰⁶, 7⁹⁵ (same as Philosophy 117), 10, 10H; **Psychology** C1000 (formerly 101 (formerly 5)), C1000H (formerly 101H (formerly 5H)), 102⁰⁹ (formerly 2), 108 (formerly 8), 110⁹⁷ (formerly 10), 112⁰⁷ (formerly 12), 115⁰¹ (formerly 15), 116⁰² (formerly 16), 116H, 117 (formerly 17), 119¹⁹ (formerly 19⁰⁷), 125¹⁹ (formerly 25), 21 (taken between 07-14); **Social Sciences** 101¹⁹, 103¹⁹, 103H; **Sociology** 101, 101H, 102, 104, 107⁰⁷, 107H, 108⁰⁹, 112⁰⁷, 113²¹, 115, 118¹⁹; **Women Studies** 1

AREA 5 – PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Two courses and a minimum of 7–9 semester or 9–12 quarter units required; one course from 5A and one course from 5B. One course must include a laboratory; the laboratory course must correspond to a lecture course in 5A or 5B (i.e., Anthropology 1 and 5)

Underlined courses include a laboratory, if the course is a one-unit lab; you must take the corresponding lecture course.

5A PHYSICAL SCIENCE (one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

Course _____ College/AP/IB _____ Units _____ C/IP/N _____

Astronomy 12, 15, 20, 20H, 25, 25H; **Chemistry** 1A, 1B, 4, 4H, 7A, 7B, 20, 21A, 21B; **Geography** 1, 6, 9; **Geology** 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 15, 30⁰⁹, 32⁰⁹, 34⁰⁹, 36⁰⁹; **Oceanography** 10, 10H; **Physical Science** 25⁰⁷; **Physics** 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B⁹⁹, 11, 12

5B BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE (one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

Course _____ College/AP/IB _____ Units _____ C/IP/N _____

Anatomy 30, 32; **Anatomy and Physiology** 34A, 34B; **Anthropology** 1, 1H, 5; **Biology** 8⁹⁹, 10, 10H, 11⁹⁸, 15, 16, 17 (accepted as a laboratory science course only if taken during FA 1997, SP 1998 and SU 1998), 18⁹⁹, 75, 76, 110, 110H, 120, 120H, 130⁹⁹; **Microbiology** 33; **Physiology** 31; **Psychology** 107 (formerly 7)

5C LABORATORY (1 semester or 1 quarter unit)

Course _____ College/AP/IB _____ Units _____ C/IP/N _____

Courses underlined in group 5A and 5B include a laboratory. One-unit lab courses must have a corresponding lecture course

AREA 6 – ETHNIC STUDIES (one course — 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

Ethnic Studies, 1²³, 3²³

(OPTIONAL) CSU GRADUATION REQUIREMENT ONLY IN U.S. HISTORY, CONSTITUTION & AMERICAN IDEALS

Not part of CAL-GETC; may be completed prior to transfer (6 semester or 8 quarter units)

US-1: History 101, 101H, 102, 102H, 105, 106, 108, 110, 111, 112, 114, 122, 122H

US-2/3: Political Science 1

(OPTIONAL) University of California (UC) Requirement ONLY: Language Other than English Requirement:

Not part of Cal-GETC; may be completed prior to transfer; each UC campus has its own guidelines for the language other than English requirement.

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER APPLICATION DEADLINES

University of California (UC)

Term	Application Deadline	Notes
Fall Semester / Quarter	October 1 – November 30*	All campuses open
Winter Quarter / Spring Semester	July 1 – 31	If campuses are open

*Some UC campuses may remain open past the November 30th deadline.

California State University (CSU)

Term	Application Deadline	Notes
Fall Semester / Quarter	October 1 – November 30*	All campuses open
Spring Semester / Quarter	August 1 – 31	If campuses are open

*Some CSU campuses may remain open past the November 30th deadline.

Private & Out-of-State Universities

School	Term	Deadline	Notes
USC	Fall	December 1	School of Cinematic Arts (BFA programs only), School of Dramatic Arts (BFA programs only), Thornton School of Music, Kaufman School of Dance
USC	Fall	February 15	Transfer application deadline
Loyola Marymount University	Fall	February 1	Priority admission / TAG deadline
Loyola Marymount University	Spring	October 1	Priority admission deadline
Arizona State University	Fall	February 1	Priority admission deadline
Arizona State University	Spring	October 1	Priority admission deadline
HBCUs	Fall	Rolling	Check with individual HBCU campus for deadline dates
HBCUs	Spring	Rolling	Check with individual HBCU campus for deadline dates

Transfer Resources

- CSU: <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/> (Some campuses open Fall term only)
- UC: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/> (Most campuses open Fall term only)
- Common Application: <https://www.commonapp.org/>
- ECC Transfer Workshop Schedule: <https://www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/events-and-workshops/transfer-workshops.aspx>

TOP 20 QUESTIONS TO ASK UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. What are your admission requirements for transfer students?
2. How can I apply for admission to your university? What is the application deadline?
3. Will I need to submit a personal essay as part of the application process?
4. Do you offer admissions priority programs?

PROGRAM INFORMATION

5. Do you offer my major? If so, is my major impacted and how can I be a more competitive applicant?
6. What type of courses can I expect to take in my major at your university?
7. Can I enroll part-time, take courses in the late afternoons, evenings, weekends or during the summer?
8. How difficult is it to change my major once I enroll at your university?

TUITION / FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

9. What are the costs of tuition, registration fees, books and supplies, housing, parking, etc?
10. What type of financial assistance is available? How and when do I apply for financial aid?
11. Do you offer scholarships for transfer students?

CAMPUS / COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

12. What is your average class size?
13. What support services are available for transfer students (academic advising, tutoring, etc.)?
14. Are there opportunities for internships, undergraduate research, or studying abroad associated with my major?
15. Do you offer career planning and job placement assistance for transfer students?
16. What types of extracurricular activities are there on campus?
17. What are the housing options for transfer students both on and off campus?
18. What is the surrounding area like? Is it easy to get around via public transportation or walking?

CONNECTING WITH YOUR CAMPUS

19. Do you offer campus tours for prospective students? If so, how can I schedule a tour?
20. Can I make arrangements to talk with an academic advisor one-on-one at your university to discuss the admissions process?

TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG) 2026-2027

El Camino College offers TAG agreements with University of California (UC) campuses, select private/out-of-state universities, and Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs).

University of California (UC) 6 Campuses

**Campuses: Davis • Irvine • Merced •
Riverside • Santa Barbara • Santa Cruz**

UC TAG Criteria:

- Complete 60 UC-transferable semester units by the end of the spring before you transfer (prior to fall admission).
- Have a least 30 UC-transferable units completed by the end of the summer before you submit your TAG.
- You can only submit a TAG to **ONE** of the six participating UC campuses.
- **Deadlines:** Submit your TAG application online at: uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu **by Sept 30 AND** your UC admission application at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu **by Nov 30.**
- The supplemental criteria for selective majors will vary by UC campus (please check with a counselor).
- Visit <https://bit.ly/UCTAGregs> to view the TAG Matrix, access the online TAG application and explore TAG information and requirements for each UC campus.

Loyola Marymount University (LMU)

LMU TAG Criteria:

To qualify for guaranteed admission to LMU, students must:

- Meet the minimum Cumulative GPA for your major:
 - **3.25** – Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts, College of Communications and Fine Arts, and College of Science and Engineering
 - **3.50** – College of Business Administration
- Maintain full-time enrollment for two or more consecutive terms (e.g., Fall and Spring) with a minimum 3.0 GPA each semester.
- Complete a minimum of **30 transferable units**, plus any additional major coursework required. Some programs require specific major preparation and GPA requirements (please check with a counselor).
- Note: All majors in the School of Film and Television are **NOT** eligible for TAG.
- Complete the LMU Transfer Guarantee Program form at engage.lmu.edu/register/guarantee.
- Submit your Common Application/LMU Supplemental at www.commonapp.org **(OR)** the LMU Online Application at engage.lmu.edu/apply/ **AND** official transcripts from all colleges attended by the **February 1** deadline.

Arizona State University (ASU)

ASU TAG Criteria:

Admission to ASU is guaranteed if you meet **one** of the following conditions:

- Earn an Associate Degree with at least a 2.5 GPA.
- **(OR)** Have a high school diploma or GED **AND** a fully certified IGETC or CSU-GE with at least a 2.5 GPA.
- **(OR)** Complete 24 transferable semester units with at least a 3.0 GPA (2.5 GPA for ASU Los Angeles & Long Beach Local campuses) **AND** have a high school diploma or GED.
- Apply online at:
<https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU>

Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs)

HBCU TAG Information

- Please meet with a counselor to learn more about the specific eligibility requirements for guaranteed admission to a participating HBCU.
- For a complete list of the 39 participating HBCU's that offer guaranteed admission, please visit:
www.californiacommunitycollegehbcutransfer.com/

AA/AS-T

Associate Degrees for Transfer

A degree with a Guarantee!

Majors

- Administration of Justice AS-T
- Anthropology AA-T
- Art History AA-T
- Business Administration AS-T
- Communication Studies AA-T
- Early Childhood Education AS-T
- Economics AA-T
- Elementary Teacher Education AA-T
- English AA-T
- Geography AA-T
- Geology AS-T
- History AA-T
- Journalism AA-T
- Kinesiology AA-T
- Mathematics AS-T
- Philosophy AA-T
- Physics AS-T
- Political Science AA-T
- Psychology AA-T
- Social Justice Studies AA-T
- Sociology AA-T
- Spanish AA-T
- Studio Arts AA-T
- Theatre Arts AA-T

Degree Benefits Include:

- ▶ Offers extra .1 GPA bump for CSU admission consideration.
- ▶ Timely completion of bachelor's degree at the CSU, typically within 60 university upper division units.
- ▶ Guarantees Admission into one of the non-impacted CSU campuses.

➤ *An option that allows students to complete an Associate's degree while satisfying lower division general education and major requirements for transfer at the same time.*



Find out how the Associate of Arts (AA-T) & Associate of Science (AS-T) transfer degrees can improve your admission opportunities to the CSU system.

**For more information please visit:
<https://bit.ly/ADTdegree>**

**Check if your degree is deemed similar:
<https://bit.ly/ADTdeemedsimilar>**

University Partnership Programs



Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) – UCLA

Students in the Honors Transfer Program at El Camino College who are applying to a major in UCLA's The College are automatically a part of the UCLA TAP. Students will receive transfer counseling and guidance to become a competitive applicant, as well as Priority Admission Consideration upon completion of the Honors Transfer Program and the requirements of the TAP.

Transfer Alliance Project (TAP) – UC Berkeley

The Transfer Alliance Project (TAP) provides California community college students with information and support services to facilitate their transfer to the University of California, Berkeley. These services include:

- Access to a TAP Coordinator for virtual meetings. If you have questions about eligibility or the program, contact TAP Coordinator Tiffany Shaleen Reardon at treardon@berkeley.edu. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://bit.ly/universityreps>.
- Assistance with admission applications and personal insight questions.
- Academic enrichment opportunities, such as a free six-week summer session or summer research project with a professor at the UC Berkeley campus.

Samahang Pilipino Advancing Community Empowerment (SPACE) – UCLA

Samahang Pilipino, a student organization at UCLA, founded SPACE in 2000 to address the particular needs of Pilipino/a accessing institutions of higher education. The center provides an alternative to traditional university outreach efforts, encouraging and empowering students from underserved communities to strive for higher education. The center provides the following services at El Camino College:

- One-on-one peer advising about academic goals and personal challenges in order to empower students.
- Leadership development to enhance skills and tap into resources to improve their communities.
- Conferences and field trips to areas of cultural and educational significance where they can network with other students.

Center for Community College Partnerships (CCCP) – UCLA

The UCLA Center for Community College Partnerships is committed to social justice and diversity. It works to increase transfer rates and success of underserved community college populations. The center provides the following services at El Camino College:

- Peer Mentoring – a current UCLA student who successfully transferred from a community college is available on a weekly basis at El Camino College to answer questions and to assist students with the transfer process.
- Outreach and campus visits for prospective transfer students.
- Opportunity to participate in summer residential and non-residential programs for transfer students at the UCLA campus.

HONORS TRANSFER PROGRAM

The El Camino College Honors Transfer Program (HTP) prepares students to transfer successfully to a wide range of universities. We provide a unique learning environment that emphasizes academic excellence for our students.

WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A MEMBER OF THE HONORS TRANSFER PROGRAM:

- 1) Priority admission consideration to various universities, such as UCLA and UC Irvine. HTP completion is looked at favorably by the UC system.
- 2) Priority registration for all ECC classes.
- 3) Smaller class sizes with dedicated faculty mentors.
- 4) Transfer counselors and informative seminars.
- 5) “Completed Honors Transfer Program” designation on ECC transcript.
- 6) “Graduated Honors Transfer Program” designation on associate degree.
- 7) 90 percent get admitted into their UC of choice.
- 8) Increased chances of receiving scholarships and internships.
- 9) Special privileges offered by universities through honors transfer agreements.

The HTP office is located in the Student Services Center, 2nd Floor (Room 228)

<https://www.elcamino.edu/support/resources/honors-transfer/index.aspx>

Phone: 310-660-3593, Ext. 3815

Email: htp@elcamino.edu



UC Transfer Admission Planner

The UC Transfer Admission Planner
is an *online tool* that helps prospective UC
transfer students:

- Track and plan courses to meet UC admission requirements
- Complete the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) application with one of the six participating UC campuses: UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara or UC Santa Cruz
- Communicate with UC staff regarding important information about the transfer process

**Don't Delay
LOG ON TODAY!**

[https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/
students/](https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/)



**Enter completed and
planned community college
courses from the start of
your college career to your
anticipated transfer to a
UC campus.**

CSU Transfer Planner



The CSU Transfer Planner is a new *online tool* designed to help students transferring from a CA Community College to a CSU

- Learn about programs, coursework, and track your progress toward transferring to a CSU
- The Transfer Planner is also for students seeking a guaranteed admission agreement through the Transfer Success Pathway (TSP) program with one of the 23 CSU campuses*

**TSP is available only for first-year incoming students who just graduated from high school. Must apply between August 1-September 30 during their first fall semester.*

Create an account and explore your CSU options

<https://bit.ly/CSUTransferPlanner>

To create an account scan QR Code



Transfer Center Services & Resources



Transfer Center Website

www.elcamino.edu/student/studentservices/transfercenter

Counseling & Advisement - Connect with us!

- Schedule a virtual, phone or in-person appointment with a Transfer Counselor
- Connect with a Transfer Counselor during their Drop-In Hours
- Chat with a Transfer Advisor Online or In-Person



Transfer Guide

A comprehensive guide to help you navigate the transfer process.

Attend our various Transfer Workshops

Learn about university options, transfer admission requirements and the application process.



Meet with University Representatives

Ask specific questions about admissions, academic programs, financial aid, housing and university student life.

University Campus Tours

Visit local colleges and universities virtually or in-person. Transportation is provided for in-person tours to various UC's, CSU's and Private campuses.



University Fairs

Connect with university representatives at the El Camino College campus.

Transfer Center

Office: (310) 660-3593 Ext. 3408 * Student Services Building, Second Floor - Room 228

Monday-Thursday: 9am-5pm, Friday: Closed

TRANSFER CENTER EVENTS

Stay informed of El Camino College Transfer Center Events by visiting the Transfer Center or the Transfer Website:

<https://www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/>

Some events to look forward to include:

Fall

University Fair
(September - October)

University Tours
(Monthly)



University Representative Visits
(Monthly)

Transfer Workshops (ongoing)

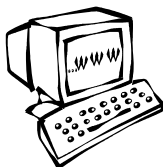
*UC/CSU Admissions Workshops

*Transfer Admission Guarantees
(TAG)

*Application Workshops
(CSU, UC, Common Application)

*Application Assistance

*UC Personal Insight Questions



Spring

University Fair
(March - April)

University Tours
(Monthly)



Northern Cal University Tour
(April)

University Representative Visits
(Monthly)

Transfer Workshops (ongoing)

*UC/CSU Admissions Workshops

*Transfer Admission Guarantees
(TAG)

*Application Update Assistance
Open Labs

*Post-Admission Next Steps
Workshops

*Admit Reception
(end-of-year celebration)



HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR TRANSFERABLE GPA

STEP 1—Obtain a copy of transcripts from all colleges attended; line out the classes that are not transferable (refer to the ECC catalog to find out what classes are transferable or go to the ASSIST website www.assist.org).

STEP 2— Add up the units attempted for each class and the grade points for those classes. Grade points are calculated by multiplying units attempted by the grade point value for the grade received in each class.

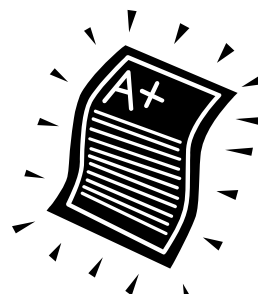
A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

D = 1 point

F = 0 points



STEP 3— Once you have added all the units attempted and the grade points, compute your GPA by dividing the number of grade points by units attempted.

$$\text{Grade Points} \div \text{Units Attempted} = \text{GPA}$$

Example:

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>UNITS ATTEMPTED</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GRADE POINT</u>
Psychology 101	3	A = 4	3x4 = 12
Business 151	4	F = 0	4x0 = 0
English C1000	4	B = 3	4x3 = 12
History 101	3	B = 3	3x3 = 9
Spanish 1	4	D = 1	4x1 = 4

Total: **18 (transferable units)** **37 (grade points)**

$$37 \text{ grade points} \div 18 \text{ units attempted} = 2.06 \text{ GPA}$$

Note: F's are calculated into the GPA.

CR/NC and non-transferable courses and W's are not calculated into the GPA.

SCHOLARSHIPS

What is a scholarship?

A scholarship is an award of financial aid for a student to further their education. Scholarships are awarded on various criteria, which usually reflect the values and purposes of the donor or founder of the award. Scholarships are FREE MONEY!

What are the requirements?

Requirements vary from scholarship to scholarship. Most often requested materials are transcripts, letters of recommendation, essay, and/or verification of college enrollment.

Searching for Scholarships

Step 1: **Build a toolkit before you start your searches:**

- Prepare a detailed personal statement about yourself
- Prepare a cover letter and resume
- Prepare a scholarship tracking worksheet

Step 2: **Start scholarship search**

- Visit the scholarship office at El Camino College located in the **Administration Bldg., 1st Floor - Room 160**
- Search within your community; contact community organizations.
- Use the Internet to find scholarship database websites; create a custom profile of yourself.
- Be aware of scholarship scams, visit: <http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams/> for more information.

Helpful websites:

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| • www.10000degrees.org * | • www.hsf.net (Hispanic) |
| • https://apiascholars.org/ (Asian American) | • www.maldef.org * (Hispanic) |
| • www.csac.ca.gov/students * | • www.schec1.net/ |
| • www.fastweb.com | • www.scholarships.com |
| • www.finaid.org | • www.uncf.org (African American) |
| • www.hacu.net/hacu/default.asp * | • www.jkcf.org/ (Undergrad Transfer Scholarship) |

**Site has great scholarships for AB540 students.*

Step 3: **Record details of every scholarship search and application submitted**

- Be mindful of important dates and deadlines
- Complete all follow-up steps
- **Apply for as many as possible!**

El Camino College Scholarship Office (Administration Bldg., 1st Floor - Room 160)

To learn more about how to apply for an ECC Scholarship, please go to:

<https://www.elcamino.edu/admissions/finances/financial-aid/scholarships.aspx>

El Camino College Transfer Center

Visit the Transfer Center website for information regarding specific university scholarships:

<https://www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/transfer-scholarships.aspx>

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.adegreewithaguarantee.com/ Find out more information about the Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T).

www.aiccu.edu Provides information about 78 California private non-profit colleges and universities.

www.assist.org Website that indicates how courses earned at a California Community College can be applied when transferred to a UC or CSU.

www.californiacolleges.edu A website for students to explore college options (admissions, financial aid, career) in quick, easy steps.

www.calstate.edu/apply Cal State Apply is an online resource designed to help students and their families learn about the CSU system, select a CSU campus to attend, explore ways to finance their higher education, and apply for admission.

<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/associate-degree-for-transfer-major-and-campus-search.aspx> Use this search tool to ensure that the CSU campus(es) you are interested in offer a similar ADT program/major emphasis you want to complete or have completed at your community college.

www.collegesource.org A virtual library for 134,683 digital college catalogs.

www.commonapp.org A standardized online application for first-year and transfer applicants to over 700 public and private colleges and universities.

<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> Submit a new California Dream Act application to determine state aid eligibility (AB540 students).

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA has seven steps that ask about you, your school plans, financial information and more.

www.fastweb.com The most complete source of local scholarships and college specific scholarships. Search for internships in your field, find part-time job openings near your home or school. Learn tips for success in your career.

www.transferbound.com Find out which CSU or UC offers your major.

www.universityofcalifornia.edu Find out more information about the University of California, individual campuses, admissions information, and apply for admissions online.

www.usc.edu Find out information about the University of Southern California, admissions information, academic programs, and student life.

Transfer Center



Location:

Student Services Center, 2nd floor (Room 228)

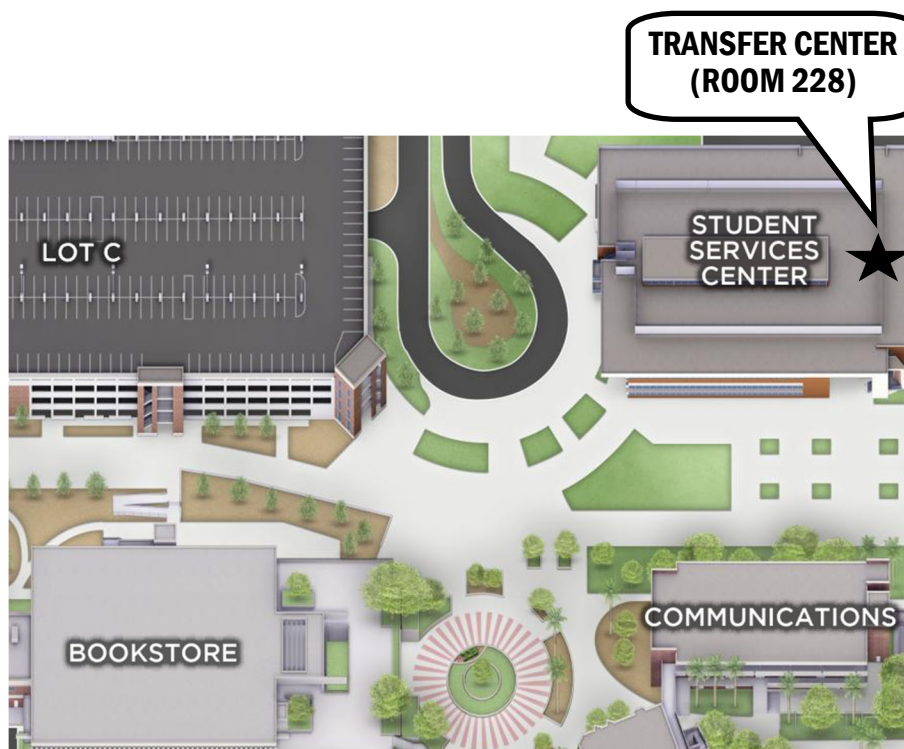
Phone:

310-660-3593 Ext. 3408

Please check the Transfer Center web page for information on how to book a Transfer Counseling appointment, how to chat with transfer staff, and for other helpful transfer related resources.

Web page:

<https://www.elcamino.edu/academics/transfer-center/>



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