Community College Overview

- Largest higher educational system in the nation
- 72 districts
- 109 colleges
- 2.5 million students
- $20 per unit
- Open access
Community College Missions

• Workforce Training
• Basic skills education
• Personal enrichment
• Lifelong learning
• High school academic enrichment
• Transfer to four-year colleges
Students should consider the transfer path if they

- Haven’t decided on academic or career goals
- Haven’t met requirements for freshman admission
- Aren’t ready or able to leave home
- Want the affordability of community colleges
- Want additional academic preparation or exploration in specific academic areas
The California Master Plan for Higher Education specifies

The University of California will offer priority admission to all UC-eligible California Community Colleges transfer students.

To ensure spaces for CCC transfers, the University of California will achieve an enrollment ratio of 60% upper-division to 40% lower-division students.

More than 90% of all transfer students offered admission are California Community College students.
• One-third of UC bachelor’s degrees awarded each year go to transfer students.

• Lower-division transfer preparation paths are available for UC’s top 20 transfer majors: [uctransfer.org](http://uctransfer.org)

• 7 campuses offer transfer admission guarantees

• UC offered a space to every fall 2008 California community college student who was UC-eligible

• Several UC campuses are offering winter/spring 2009 admission to California community college students
Community College Recommendations

• Students need same level of preparation as four-year college
• Community colleges – open door, not revolving door
  • students
• Community colleges utilize Enrollment Management recruitment practices
• Change the Message: Community college is still College.
#1 Improving college readiness: take rigorous college prep courses *throughout* high school

- Take math *all four years* in high school
- Take advantage of early assessments
  - CSU’s Early Academic Assessment exams in English and mathematics
  - Community college assessment/placement exams
- Concurrent enrollment opportunities enables students to experience college while in high school
- Take advantage of summer sessions
Research your options

- Not all community colleges offer the same programs or opportunities for students
- Investigate which CCCs offer most transferable courses for prospective major(s)
- Decide on a major and campus no later than the start of sophomore year at CCC
- Know which UC campus(es) and major(s) you want to target and which have transfer guarantee programs
- Follow recommended curriculum for major (including competitive GPA)
- Be sure GE pattern you follow is appropriate for intended major, campus
Why Colleges Need Transfer Students

• Diversity of Backgrounds
  • Age, Marital Status, Military and Work Experience

• Diversity of Majors
  • Often selecting majors that incoming Freshmen don’t always consider an option

• Level of Maturity

• The Cost to Colleges

Welcome Additions to Campus Life
Benefits of Being a Transfer Student

- Admissibility is different for first time Freshmen compared to incoming Transfers
- "Testing the Waters" first
- Breaking free of the high school record
- Bypassing SAT/ACT testing
- Taking the time to investigate which college is right for you!!!
Transfer 101

• Build a Bridge- working with your college counselors (2 yr. and 4 yr)
• Attend College Fairs and Rep Appointments
• Take advantage of meetings on college campuses
• Know your colleges and start looking early
• Experiment with your potential major
Transfer 101

- Don’t shy away from key classes
  - Ex. Math, English, F. Lang., Major Prep
- Keep up the GPA
- Consistency of enrollment, are gaps addressed
- Taking a full load of classes
  - Ex. 12-15 units, per semester
- Investigate campus living options
- Get involved- Get connected

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- Fall and Spring Admission for 2008
- 24+ transferrable units = Waives SAT/ACT
- 60+ transferrable units = Waives HS Work
- Majors to be cautious about: Film Production, Film Screenwriting
- Advising Appointments on and off campus
- Acceptance of CSU and IGETC Cert
- Key Classes - English, Math, F. Language
- Merit and Talent Scholarships
- Living on Campus options

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Thank you for Attending