

# How to Transfer to CSU Northridge & other CSU Campuses



A photograph of graduates in black caps and gowns, with purple stoles, looking towards the left. The background is blurred with purple and yellow lights.

## Tell us about yourself!

- What is your major?
- What schools are you interested in?
- Are you applying to transfer this year?
- What do you want to know more about?

Take 5 min



The CSU system is made up of 23 campuses across the state of California.

The California State University educates 485,550 students every year!

The CSU has one of the most diverse student bodies in the U.S

# California State University System



- Mission
  - Apply skills in future career and workforce
- Small Class Sizes
  - Great for learning and personal attention
- Full-time & Part-time students
- [Tuition: 2024-2025 School Year](#)
  - CA Residents & AB 540
    - \$6,084 /year
  - Internation & Nonresident
    - \$420 / Semester or \$264 /Quarter
- [Cost of Attendance:](#)
  - \$20,000-\$35,000 a year
    - Housing, books, transportation, food,...
- CSU Application \$70 per campus

**California State University System**

**LOCATION**



**SIZE**



**SPECIAL FEATURES**



Urban- CSULA  
Suburban-CSU  
Northridge  
Rural-  
Humboldt

Varies from  
Campus to  
campus

Visit the CSU  
Apply website  
to explore  
campus  
options  
Visit Campuses  
(Virtual Tours)

**Differences Among the CSU's**

# MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



- Complete 60 CSU transferable units
  - *30 must come from CSU GE course list*
- At least a 2.0 GPA
- Golden 4:
  - 1 Written Communications – English 1
  - 1 Critical Thinking- English 2 or 31, Bus 32, Com 21, Hist 47, Phil 7 or 9
  - 1 Oral Communication- Com 11, 12, 16, or 21
  - 1 Mathematics - 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 21, 26, 28, 29, 54, Acct 45, Bus 45, CS 10
- Must be completed by the end of Spring before Fall transfer with a C- or better



*Completion of IGETC or CSU general education pattern is recommended (Approx. 39 units in GE)*

# Completion of General Education

Pick One:

IGETC

- Designed for UC's & CSU's
- All courses must be completed with a grade of either a "CR" or "C"
- You can have up to 2 courses missing

CSU  
GE

- Designed for the CSU system
- "D" grades are acceptable (except the Golden 4, must be "C" or better)
- New area F (For students starting Fall'21 and later)
- You can receive partial certification
- You can finish certification after transfer

File for certification with SMC Admissions

# Transfer Tips

- ✓ Focus on Major Prep!
  - ✓ Explore each campus and major for specifics on courses you need to complete before transferring by visiting [Assist.org](https://assist.org)
  - ✓ Have major prep completed by the end of Fall prior to Fall transfer
    - ✓ I.e. The semester your application is due
- ✓ For most majors, admissions is only based off courses completed & GPA
  - ✓ [Pass/ No Pass](#)
    - ✓ Not for Golden 4 or Major Prep
  - ✓ Extracurricular activities and outside activities are not considered in admissions.
- ✓ Visit a Campus!
- ✓ There is a difference between competitive and minimum requirements
  - ✓ E.g. Impaction





# Impaction

When more applications are received than can be accommodated by the campus

***To be admitted to an impacted major you must:***

- Submit your application during the priority filing period
- Complete major requirements
- Usually have a higher GPA
- Meet any additional department requirements
- In rare cases (ex: Pomona), must be a CA resident
- Google '[CSU Impaction Matrix](#)'

# Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)

- Requirements
  - Completion of CSUGE or IGETC
  - Completion of specified major requirements
  - 2.0 GPA
- Transfer Benefits
  - Guaranteed admissions to the CSU system
  - .1 Bump in your GPA
    - E.g. 3.1 vs 3.0
  - Guaranteed graduation with 60 units after transfer
  - Possible Spring priority admission

[ADT's Offered at SMC](#)



\* Important Note:  
This is different than a regular Associates degree

## Explore the ADT Majors Offered at Santa Monica College (PDF Files)

<a href="#">Administration of Justice AS-T*</a>	<a href="#">Anthropology AA-T</a>
<a href="#">Art History AA-T</a>	<a href="#">Business Administration 2.0 AS-T (Students who began college Fall 2022 or later)</a>
<a href="#">Child and Adolescent Development AA-T*</a>	<a href="#">Communication Studies AA-T*</a>
<a href="#">Early Childhood Education AS-T*</a>	<a href="#">Economics AA-T</a>
<a href="#">Elementary Teacher Education AA-T</a>	<a href="#">Geography AA-T</a>
<a href="#">Geology AS-T</a>	<a href="#">History AA-T*</a>
<a href="#">Journalism AA-T</a>	<a href="#">Kinesiology AA-T</a>
<a href="#">Mathematics AS-T</a>	<a href="#">Nutrition and Dietetics AS-T</a>
<a href="#">Political Science AA-T*</a>	<a href="#">Psychology AA-T</a>
<a href="#">Social Justice Studies AA-T</a>	<a href="#">Sociology AA-T</a>
<a href="#">Spanish AA-T</a>	<a href="#">Studio Arts AA-T</a>
<a href="#">Theatre Arts AA-T</a>	

# Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)



To receive the transfer benefits of an ADT you must:

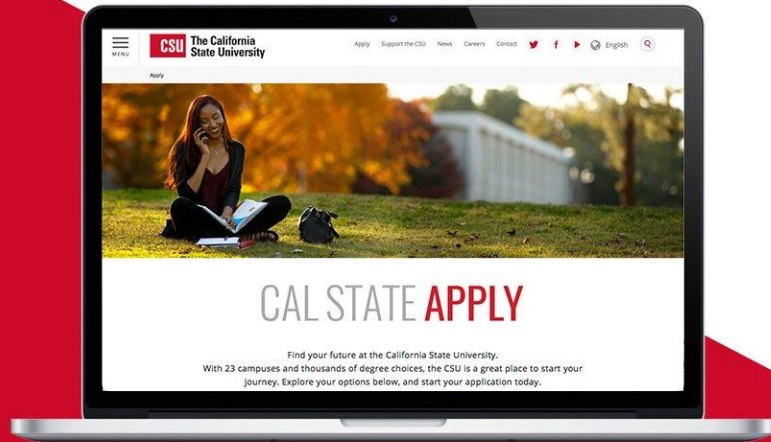
- Declare the ADT in your CSU application
- Apply to a major that is "[Deemed Similar](#)"
- Complete all ADT requirements by the end of Spring before transfer for Fall admissions.
  - I.e. Your last semester at SMC

\*Remember: An ADT is different from the SMC AA or AS degree

# Local Area Admission Advantage



# Priority Application Filing Periods:



[CALSTATE.EDU/APPLY](https://calstate.edu/apply)

A SINGLE  
APPLICATION  
FOR ALL  
23 CSU  
CAMPUSES

- All Campuses
  - Fall: October 1 – November 30
  - \*Winter: June 1 – June 30
  - Spring: August 1- August 31st
- \* Most schools do not open for Winter admissions, but check with each school for details

# Application/ Admissions Timeline

## Fall 2023

- Apply Oct 1-November 30
- Take remaining courses
- Application workshops/labs
- Complete FAFSA starting Oct 1st

## Winter 2024

- Take remaining courses (optional)
- Transfer Updates
  - Continue next steps in portals
  - Ex: Application updates, supplemental applications, and official transcripts for some CSU's

## Spring 2024

- Take remaining courses
- Continue next steps in portals
- Submit petition for graduation, ADT, IGETC or CSU GE
- Submit official transcripts with Spring grades

## Fall 2024

- Enroll at new CSU!



**85% of CSU Transfer Students from SMC Transfer to:**

- ❖ **Northridge**
- ❖ **Los Angeles**
- ❖ **Dominguez Hills**
- ❖ **Long Beach**

# CSU Northridge



38,511 students and more than 4,000 faculty and staff, sited on a 356-acre campus in the heart of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley.

71% First-gen  
147 Undergrad majors  
Average Student Age 23.8

55.2% Latinx  
21.5% White  
9.3% Asian/Pacific Islander  
4.6% African American  
3% Multi-ethnic

Unique majors:  
Deaf Studies  
Urban Studies  
Accountancy

Most Popular Majors:  
Psychology  
Radio Television  
Broadcast  
Criminal Justice



# CSU Northridge Features



- Family Housing Offered
  - <https://w2.csun.edu/student-life/housing-dining>
- ADT recipients can receive priority registration & Advising through their CA Promise Program
  - <https://www.csun.edu/undergraduate-studies/california-promise-program>
- Ranks 5th in the nation producing students with Master's degrees that go on for PhD's

# CSU Los Angeles

- Cal State LA is the premier comprehensive public university in the heart of Los Angeles and is dedicated to engagement, service, and the public good.
- 26,000 Students
- Faculty members have received the CSU's Outstanding Professor award more often than any other university in the system
- Unique programs:
  - Fire Protection Administration
  - Aviation Administration
  - Urban Learning
- The LA County crime lab is on site!
- All Programs are impacted.



# CSU Dominguez Hills



- Centrally located in the South Bay and the heart of Los Angeles, CSU Dominguez Hills is a diverse, welcoming community of learners and educators collaborating to change lives and communities for the better.
- 17,027 students
- CSUDH has the only [Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\) Training Institute Education Center](#) in the Los Angeles area, and one of only 26 in the country.
- [Dignity Health Sports Park](#) is situated on 125 acres of the CSUDH campus. It features state-of-the-art stadiums and facilities for soccer, tennis, track and field, cycling, lacrosse, rugby, volleyball, baseball, softball, basketball, and other sports.

# CSU Dominguez Hills

- Unique Majors:
  - Cytotechnology
  - Medical Technology
  - Athletic Training
  - Television Arts
  - Audio Recording
  - Electronic Music Synthesis



# CSU Long Beach



- Cal State Long Beach is one of the best valued schools in the nation with low tuition fees, high social mobility rate and earning potential after graduation.
- California State University, Long Beach is a 322-acre campus home to top-notch professors, successful alumni and a diverse student population ready to take on the world with a highly regarded education.
- Located three miles from the Pacific Ocean, California State University, Long Beach is a community within itself, boasting a student population of more than 38,000 and its own zip code.

# CSU Long Beach

- Most Popular Majors:
  - Art-Graphic Design
  - Film & Electronic Arts
  - Radiation Therapy
  - Kinesiology, with options in Athletic Training, Exercise Science
  - Nursing, Psychology
  - Social Work



**California State University System**

# San Diego State



- SDSU is the third-largest university in the state with an enrollment of nearly 34,000 students.
- Nearly 200 different academic degree choices, including more than 90 undergraduate majors leading to a bachelor's degree. With award-winning professors, top-notch research facilities, and a sunny location at the gateway to Latin America and the Pacific Rim, SDSU gives students the tools to expand their knowledge and their potential.
- Number #1 in California and number #5 in the Nation for Study Abroad

# San Diego State

- 7 Colleges
  - College of Arts & Letters
  - College of Health & Human Services
  - College of Business Administration
  - College of Education
  - College of Engineering
  - College of Professional Studies & Fine Arts
  - College of Sciences
- All majors are impacted!
- Required GPA by major
- Average GPA of transfer applicants is 3.24





# San Francisco State



- Home to U.S.'s largest multimedia studies program and the only College of Ethnic Studies
- Credit-earning internships are requirements for most majors
- Yahoo ranked as one of the most wired campuses in the U.S.
- Housing can be scarce and expensive

# San Francisco State

- Impacted majors:
  - Business
  - Accounting
  - Psychology
  - Biology
  - Chem
  - Criminal Justice
  - Food & Nutrition
  - Health Education
  - Nursing
  - Industrial Art & Design
  - Kinesiology
  - Social Work





## Final Tips

- CSU Apply
- ASSIST.ORG
- SMC.EDU/TRANSFER
- College Fair: October 12, 2023
  - CSU Workshops
  - Reps on Campus
- Supplemental Applications
  - Visit Campus
- Meet with Campus Reps
  - Career Center

**CSU LATER AT A CAL STATE!**

**THANK YOU**

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