

Transfer Process

It is recommended that students work closely with a counselor to develop an education plan for transfer to a four-year institution. Students who are preparing to transfer to a bachelor's degree program should familiarize themselves with the current catalog and website of their transfer college for information about admission qualifications and application procedures, since these vary and are subject to change. Students planning to transfer may, with careful planning, also complete the graduation requirements for MPC's Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree. Students are encouraged to complete both transfer and AA/AS requirements in order to have completed a degree upon transferring. They should meet with a counselor for degree and transfer counseling. See "Associate Degree" and "Associate in Arts/Science for Transfer" on pages 72-73.

There are four major components to transfer from a community college to a college/university bachelor's degree program:

1. Total units required
2. General education courses*
3. Major preparation courses
4. Minimum grade point average

*Transfer students interested in California State Universities (CSU) or Universities of California (UC) should become familiar with general education requirements (see CSU-GE, page 76 and IGETC, page 77). Students with units from another college or university should have official transcripts sent to MPC Admissions and Records Office and meet with a counselor for a complete evaluation (see also Transfer Credit, page 32).

Effective and competitive transfer strategies include taking the required level of Math and English as soon as possible; maintaining the highest possible GPA; completing as many major prerequisites as possible; and following deadlines.

Admission to California Public University Systems

California State University (CSU)

Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Sonoma, Stanislaus.

Visit the websites www2.calstate.edu/apply and www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer for more information.

Lower-Division Transfer (LDT) Admission Requirements

Many campuses restrict or prohibit enrollment of lower-division transfer students who have not reached junior standing. Contact the campus of your choice to determine if there are admission limits.

Upper-Division Transfer Admission Requirements (advanced standing or "junior")

All campuses admit upper division (60 or more transferable units or 90 quarter units) transfer students. Contact a counselor to discuss the campus specific requirements.

Additional CSU Admission Requirements for Impacted Majors and Campuses

An undergraduate major or campus is designated as impacted when the number of applications received during the initial filing period exceeds the number of available spaces. Supplementary admission criteria may be used to screen all applicants for admission to impacted majors. Information is available at www.calstate.edu

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT)

California community colleges offer associate degrees for transfer to the CSU. These include Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degrees designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. California community college students who are awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing in the CSU system to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major but are not guaranteed admission to specific majors or campuses. Students who have been awarded an AA-T or AS-T are able to complete their remaining upper division requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60-semester or 90-quarter units.

Monterey Peninsula College offers multiple AA-T and AS-T degrees. Contact a counselor for more information. To find out which CSU campuses accept each degree, please go to www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer and click on "ADT Major/Campus Search".

Current and prospective community college students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to review their options for transfer and to develop an educational plan that best meets their goals and needs.

University of California (UC)

Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco (medical programs only), Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz.

Go to <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer> for assistance.

Some campuses may restrict applications of lower-division transfer students or those with too many upper-division units. Contact the campus of your choice to determine if there are admission limits.

Upper-division Transfer eligibility: All campuses admit upper-division (60 or more transferable units or 90 quarter units) transfer students. Contact a counselor to discuss the campus-specific requirements.

Additional UC Admission Requirements

If a particular campus or major receives more applicants than spaces available, the campus will use additional admission criteria or requirements. It is recommended that you check with the campus of your choice for specific requirements.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

The TAG program at Monterey Peninsula College is a "contract" that selected universities make with students who meet the transfer admission requirements and therefore are guaranteed admission. These agreements have minimum GPA and unit completion requirements that vary.

The following six University of California campuses participate in the TAG program: UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Riverside. Students must have completed at least 30 UC-transferable units to submit TAG. The TAG application is available online throughout the year and is submitted to only one preferred UC campus from September 1 through 30. TAG agreements are generally written one year prior to transfer and are subject to change, so students should begin the process early by meeting with a counselor to receive the most current information.

Transfer Pathways and Pathways+

Students who are decided on a major but wish to keep their UC campus options open should consider the UC Transfer Pathways. As a clear road-map and preparation for a major, a Transfer Pathway offers a single set of courses to take that will transfer to any of the nine UC campuses. Monterey Peninsula College currently offers UCTP programs in Chemistry and Physics. The Pathways+ program combines the Transfer Pathways with TAG providing major preparation as well as guaranteed admission to one of the six TAG-participating UC campuses. For more information on Transfer Pathway majors as well as the Pathways+ program, go to admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements.

CSU/UC Course Agreements Online at ASSIST

Comprehensive articulation information, including transferable course agreements for all California community colleges, is available online at www.assist.org. ASSIST provides access to the most current articulation agreements between the California community colleges and UC or CSU, as well as information on the general education requirements, major preparation, and transfer pathways.

General Education Requirements

MPC students who plan to transfer to a University of California or California State University campus in advanced standing (also called upper-division or junior level) should satisfy as many university general education and major requirements (prerequisites) as possible before transferring. High-unit majors such as engineering and biological sciences may be exempt from some general education courses. Students should see a counselor for more information and check www.assist.org for articulation agreements.

CSU General Education-Breadth

The CSU General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE, see page 76) allows California community college transfer students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for any CSU campus prior to transfer. This curriculum provides an alternative to the IGETC requirements and to a university's GE/Breadth requirements.

CSU-GE Certification: Upon completion of the CSU General Education-Breadth pattern, transferring students should request that a CSU-GE certification be sent to the CSU campus of choice. Certification indicates verification by Monterey Peninsula College that a student has completed all lower-division general education requirements for the California State University. Without the certification, students will be held to completing the general education requirements specific to the transfer CSU campus and may be required to complete additional general education coursework after transfer. It is the student's responsibility to request certification by submitting the appropriate form to Admissions & Records Office.

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

The IGETC is a selection of courses that community college students can complete to satisfy lower-division general education requirements at any CSU or UC campus. Courses must be completed for all areas with a grade of "C" or better. It should be noted that completion of the IGETC is neither a requirement for transfer to CSU or UC nor is it the only way to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements prior to transfer. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division preparation (e.g., science, engineering, arts) may find the IGETC inappropriate to follow. Counselors are available to help students decide the most appropriate pattern to follow.

IGETC Certification: Upon completion of the IGETC pattern, the transferring student should request that an IGETC certification be sent to the UC or CSU campus of choice. Certification indicates verification by Monterey Peninsula College that a student has completed all lower-division general education requirements for the University of California or California State University. Without the certification, students will be held to completing the general education requirements specific to the transfer UC or CSU campus and may be required to complete additional general education coursework after transfer. It is the student's responsibility to request certification by submitting the appropriate form to Admissions & Records Office. Partial certification (i.e., certification of all but one or two courses) is allowed. Students must still complete all admission requirements for transfer: Areas 1A, 1B, and Area 2 (see page 77 for IGETC). Students intending to transfer to CSU are also required to complete an additional course in Oral Communication (Area 1C) and do not need to demonstrate proficiency in language other than English to transfer, but another language may be required for CSU graduation. Check your campus of choice. Contact a counselor for information regarding certification.

IGETC for STEM: Certain Associate Degrees for Transfer allow the use of IGETC for STEM. With this GE option, students follow the IGETC pattern but delay completing one Arts or Humanities course, one Social and Behavioral Science course, and the Language Other Than English requirement (only for UC-bound students who have not satisfied it through proficiency) until after transfer. Allowance for the use of IGETC for STEM pattern is noted within the applicable program listing.

Transfer to Local Private Universities

Brandman University (Monterey Campus)

(Subject to change; check with a counselor.)

Students who complete an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to Brandman University in junior standing. An AA-T or AS-T is not required for admission, however, it is encouraged that students complete at least 60 transferable units and either the IGETC or CSU-GE requirements.

For more information, schedule an appointment with an MPC counselor or contact Brandman University at (800) 746-0082.

Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey

(Subject to change; check with a counselor.)

Student who meet the transfer eligibility requirements to the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey can complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Studies and a Master of Arts (MA) in International Policy and Development, Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies, or Public Policy in three years. Qualified students are also eligible to receive scholarship funds on an annual basis to defray the cost of tuition.

Transfer eligibility requirements:

- Complete the IGETC or CSU-GE;
- Complete at least the first year of a second language if planning to pursue the MA in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies;
- Complete 60 transferable units and have junior standing upon matriculation to MIIS (Each transferable course must have a grade of B or better and up to 15 transferable units may be Pass/No Pass).

For more information, schedule an appointment with an MPC counselor or contact MIIS at (831) 646-4100.

Monterey College of Law

(Subject to change; check with a counselor.)

Students interested in transferring to the Monterey College of Law can visit montereylaw.edu or call (831) 582-4000.

Transfer to Independent or Out-of-State Colleges and Universities

MPC students can prepare to transfer to any four-year college or university in the country. Past transfers include California institutions such as Santa Clara, University of the Pacific, Mills, Pepperdine, University of Southern California, as well as out-of-state schools such as Boston, Howard, New York University, Penn State, Tulane, and Smith. California independent and out-of-state universities should be contacted by the student for specific transfer requirements.

Cross-Enrollment

UC and CSU

(Subject to change; check with the institution.)

This program is designed to encourage transfer and potential transfer students to explore transfer options through enrollment at four-year institutions.

MPC students may cross-enroll at University of California or California State University without formal admission and at a reduced fee. Students may take a maximum of one course per academic term at a campus of either the CSU or UC system on a space-available basis. To meet eligibility requirements, MPC student needs to:

- Have completed at least one term as an MPC matriculated student
- Be enrolled for a minimum of 6 units at MPC
- Have earned a grade point average of 2.0 for work completed
- Have paid fees at MPC
- Have completed appropriate academic preparations as determined by host campus
- Be a California resident
- Complete the Application for Cross-Enrollment available at the MPC Admissions and Records Office and at www.mpc.edu/admissions/forms