# Transfer Timeline

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<td>Submit online UC TAG Application. Continue to work on UC Personal Statement.</td>
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<td>Submit online FAFSA application for Financial Aid at <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> (list up to 10 UC/CSU/Private universities you have applied for on the FAFSA application).</td>
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<td>Feb./March</td>
<td>By submitting the FAFSA form and the G.P.A. Verification Form by March 2, you may be eligible to receive a Cal Grant. For more information go to <a href="http://www.cerritos.edu/finaid">www.cerritos.edu/finaid</a>.</td>
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<td>Attend Transfer Celebration.</td>
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<td>Submit Statement of Intent to Register to UC of choice once admitted to all UC's.</td>
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<td>Statement of Intent to Register by June 1st. Once admitted - request IGETC certification from Admissions &amp; Records for the INTENDED UC campus.</td>
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<td>Fall semester/quarter applicants submit transcripts from all institutions attended to UC campus of choice to include Spring grades.</td>
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Welcome! Our vision for the Transfer Center is to enhance the transfer culture of the college via increased visibility, awareness of services, access to transfer information and the building of inter-segmental partnerships. Additionally, to foster an environment where all stakeholders embrace the mission of transfer.

We are here to assist you in achieving your transfer goals. The Transfer Center website is your connection to keeping you up-to-date with all of the Transfer Center services, events, and activities. Taking advantage of the programs and services offered through the Transfer Center will prepare you to be successful at Cerritos College and help you transition to the university more smoothly. Now is the time to check out your Get Started list below.

- Transfer Center Staff

Get Started!

- Check out our website for more information, resources, and a look at our event calendar at www.cerritos.edu/transfer

- Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates

- Make an appointment with one of our Transfer Center Counselors to develop a long-term educational plan, learn more about Transfer Admissions Guarantees and university partnerships (30-minute appointments are made through the Counseling Office at ext. 2231).

- Stop by the Transfer Center, check out our collection of catalogs, brochures, and packets from colleges and universities across the nation.

- Sign up at the Transfer Center for our university tours and representative appointments

- Stop by Walk-in Wednesdays (5pm-7pm) to ask a Transfer Center Counselor some quick questions (30-minute appointments are made through the Counseling Office at ext. 2231).
## California Higher Education System

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<td>Cerritos, Citrus, Coastline, Cypress, Fullerton, Golden West, Irvine Valley, Long Beach, Mt San Antonio, Orange Coast, Rio Hondo, Saddleback, Santa Ana, Santiago Canyon</td>
<td>Dominguez Hills, Fullerton, Hayward, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, San Diego, San Francisco, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo,</td>
<td>Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Diego, San Francisco</td>
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<th>COSTS</th>
<th>Tuition (room &amp; board excluded)</th>
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<th>NATURE OF PROGRAM &amp; CURRICULUM</th>
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| ELIGIBILITY MINIMUM TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS | No subject requirement; Can be high school graduate or 18 years of age; Under 18 needs parent permission | 60 transferable semester units; minimum GPA: 2.0; 30 units of general education to include English composition, critical thinking, oral communication & a transfer math; Impacted campuses may require higher GPA, & completion of specific courses and/or other criteria (no personal statement required) | 60 transferable semester units; minimum GPA: 2.4; Must complete 2 English composition courses and 1 transfer math; 4 courses from at least 2 of the following areas: arts /humanities, social & behavioral science & physical / biological sciences; (personal statement required) | Number of transferable units required varies Minimum transferable GPA varies; Most require English composition & at least intermediate algebra; Most require a personal statement |

* Subject to change
Transfer Center Services

University/College Representative Visits
Meet with representatives from various colleges/universities one-on-one to ask questions about admissions, majors, financial aid, and more. Make an appointment or drop-in at the Transfer Center. Check the “University Representatives on campus” link on our website.

University/College Fairs
Visit with numerous university/college representatives on campus. Refer to page 16 for questions to ask university representatives. Fairs are offered throughout the academic year.

University/College Workshops
Attend a “Transfer Basics”, “Transfer Admission Guarantee”, and/or “Application Workshop”. All workshops are designed to provide vital information on the transfer process, university academic programs and how to fill out the application and write the personal statement.

Three-day California University Tours
Every year students are given the opportunity to visit universities in Northern California such as UCB, UCD, UCSC and UCM. Transportation and hotel expenses over the 3-day trip are paid for by the college (meals are not included). Spaces are limited and students must complete an application. Check with the Transfer Center for applications.

University Tours and Presentations
Join us on a campus tour of local area colleges and universities. Transportation is provided to over a dozen different universities, including UC, CSU, and independent/private colleges. Take advantage of this great opportunity to check out the campus environment, ask your specific questions, and attend workshops.

Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAGs)/University Partnerships
TAGs, which are available for most UCs and a couple of CSUs, allow students to guarantee their admission a full term prior to transfer. University Partnerships provide extra programs and services designed to increase academic preparation and educational access to selected community colleges. For more information on either TAGs or University Partnerships, check out pages 6 and 7 of this guide or the Transfer Center website.

Catalog and Reference Library
Start your university research at the Transfer Center with a variety of catalogs and resources including free university brochures, pamphlets, and fliers.

Computer Lab and Internet Resources
Utilize our computers to access articulation agreements, university catalogs, college rankings, scholarships, take a virtual campus tour and more.

Walk-in Wednesdays (5-7pm)
Ask a Transfer Center Counselor quick questions about transfer admissions requirements, procedures, and deadlines (Not available during the summer).
StruCture of HiGHer eduCation

Associates Degree—Major courses plus general education and electives, 60 degree applicable units required. Usually referred to as an AA degree. Normally requires 2 years of full-time study but may take longer. Offered by community colleges.

Bachelors Degree—Major plus general education and electives, approximately 120-132 total semester units required. Usually referred to as BS or BA (Bachelors of Arts or Science) degree. Normally requires 4-5 year of full-time study. Student may complete the Freshman and Sophomore years at the community college (as shown above) and then transfer to a 4-year university for the Junior and Senior level courses.

Masters Degree—Bachelors degree plus graduate courses in a specialized area. Masters is usually 26-56 units over the Bachelors depending on major. Usually referred to as MA or MS (Masters of Arts or Science). Normally requires 2 additional years full-time study after completion of Bachelors.

Doctorate Degree—Advance training beyond Bachelors or Master degree. Units vary, depending on field of study. It usually takes 4-5 years of full-time study.
**Understanding the CSU/UC Transfer Basics**

**Lower Division Coursework:** Defined as Freshman and Sophomore level coursework.

**Upper Division Coursework:** Defined as Junior and Senior level coursework.

**Upper Division Transfer Student:** A student who will have the required minimum number of transferable units (60) and appropriate course patterns completed. Admissions will be based on college work only. (Check with individual campuses regarding lower division classification and appropriate requirements). Meet with a counselor to set up an educational plan, gain upper division status and make yourself as competitive as possible for admission into your university of choice.

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**AS AN UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER STUDENT, EARN 50% OF A BACHELOR’S DEGREE AT CERRITOS COLLEGE**

**Cerritos College:** Freshman/Sophomore coursework
- Lower division general education requirements
- Lower division major requirements
- Electives (if necessary)

**University:** Junior/Senior coursework
- Upper division general education requirements (if necessary)
- Upper division major requirements
- Electives (if necessary)
- Minor (optional)

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Cerritos College
(60-70 CSU/UC Transferable Units)
Lower Division

General Education Courses (plan B and C)

Major Preparation
www.assist.org

Elective Courses (optional)

University: Junior/Senior coursework

Cerritos College (60-70 Units) + University (60-70 Units) = Bachelor's Degree (120-140 Semester Units)
Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG)

The Transfer Admission Guarantee program offers guaranteed admission to students who complete a core set of courses at a California Community College a full term prior to transferring.

University of California

Fall transfers: TAG Filing period is the month of September

You can sign a TAG agreement with any one of the following UC campuses:
Davis • Irvine • Merced • Riverside • San Diego • Santa Barbara • Santa Cruz

Common UC TAG requirements:

- Have completed 30 transferable units to sign a contract
- Complete 60 transferable units and the 7-course pattern (one transferable math course, two English courses, 4 courses from at least two of the following areas: Arts & Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Physical & Biological Sciences) by end of Spring prior to Fall transfer for all UC campuses. (AP units can be used)
- Have a gpa between 3.0 - 3.5 depending on major and TAG school of choice.
- Complete one transferable math course and two English courses one year prior to transferring (condition applies for majority of TAG schools).
- Attend Transfer Admissions Guarantee Eligibility workshop to learn the specifics for participating UC TAG schools (check www.cerritos.edu/transfer for TAG workshop dates and times).
- Complete UC TAG application online at https://uctag.universityofcalifornia.edu/

California State University

CSU Dominguez Hills

Minimum qualifications:
- 2.0 CSU GPA
- 60 transferable units
- Golden Four completed one semester prior to transfer
- Meet with a CSUDH Representative at the Transfer Center

Independent University

Whittier College

- 3.0 GPA
- Contact the Whittier College Transfer Admissions Counselor
TRANSFER PARTNERSHIPS WITH UNIVERSITIES

The partnership provides extra programs and services designed to increase academic preparation and educational access to selected community colleges.

CSU DOMINGUEZ HILLS
Pathways to Success Enrollment Partnership

One of ten California Community Colleges selected for this partnership.

❖ University representative at Cerritos College at least once a week during the Fall Spring semesters.
❖ Individual appointments with Transfer Center Directors/Counselors to develop an educational plan.
❖ Students will be entitled to CSUDH library access as well as university student programs and events.
❖ Admission to the university is guaranteed.
❖ For more information about the partnership, make an appointment with the university representative through the Transfer Center.

UC BERKELEY
Transfer Alliance Project (TAP)

One of seven Southern California Community Colleges selected for this partnership.

❖ A program for low/middle income and first generation students.
❖ TAP advisor at Cerritos College at least twice a month during the Fall/Spring.
❖ Individual appointments with UC Berkeley TAP representative.
❖ Opportunity to participate in a six week summer session or research at UC Berkeley (FREE).
❖ Opportunity to participate in a 3 day/2 night visit to UC Berkeley. (FREE)
❖ Admissions application and personal statement assistance.

UC LOS ANGELES (UCLA)
Center for Community College Partnership (CCCP)

One of nineteen California Community Colleges selected for this partnership.

❖ UCLA peer mentor visits Cerritos College every week in front of the library during Fall/Spring semesters.
❖ Bruin Buddy Day - one day program that pairs Cerritos College students with a UCLA student in their major. Cerritos College students who participate will shadow the UCLA student for the day and even attend their classes.
❖ Opportunity to participate in UCLA Summer Intensive Transfer Experience (SITE) - a 6 day residential program. (FREE)

UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE

❖ Bachelor's degree in Child Development earned through the University of La Verne but with classes taken at Cerritos College.
❖ See a Cerritos College Child Development department or the University of La Verne representative for more information.
# Semester vs. Quarter System

## Semester System

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<th>Fall Semester</th>
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<td>Late August - Mid December</td>
<td>Early January - Mid May</td>
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### Campuses on Semester System

**UC**
- UC Berkeley
- UC Merced

**CSU**
- California Maritime Academy
- CSU Chico
- CSU Dominguez Hills
- CSU Channel Islands
- CSU Fresno
- CSU Fullerton
- Humboldt State
- CSU Long Beach
- CSU Monterey Bay
- CSU Northridge
- CSU Sacramento
- CSU San Marcos
- San Diego State
- San Francisco State
- San Jose State
- Sonoma State

## Quarter System

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<td>Late Sept. - Mid Dec.</td>
<td>Early Jan. - Late March</td>
<td>Early April - Mid June</td>
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### Campuses on Quarter System

**UC**
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz

**CSU**
- Cal Poly Pomona
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- CSU Bakersfield
- CSU Eastbay
- CSU Los Angeles
- CSU San Bernardino
- CSU Stanislaus

All UC and CSU semester campuses ARE OPEN for Fall admissions.

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

For **CSU** campuses: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

For **UC** campuses: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)
## University Application Deadlines

### University of California

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<td>Winter Quarter</td>
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<td>August 1 – 31 (if open)</td>
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<td>Summer Semester</td>
<td>January 2 – February 28 (if open)</td>
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<td>Loyola Marymount</td>
<td>Fall</td>
<td>November 1 – March 15 (financial aid: April 1)</td>
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<td>Spring</td>
<td>October 15</td>
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<td>Mount St. Mary</td>
<td>Fall</td>
<td>March 1 (deadlines may vary by program)</td>
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<td>Spring</td>
<td>December 1</td>
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<td>Univ. of La Verne</td>
<td>Fall</td>
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<td>USC</td>
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The above four schools use the Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) along with the University Supplemental Application.

**NOTE:** This information may change year to year. Check on the CSU website: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) & the UC website: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergraduate.html](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergraduate.html). For independent/private, please refer to the individual campus websites.

Some campuses and some majors may be open for Fall term only.

**APPLY ONLINE. ATTEND AN APPLICATION WORKSHOP.**

See Cerritos College Transfer Center Website at [www.cerritos.edu/transfer](http://www.cerritos.edu/transfer)
CSU Admissions Checklist

Due to the California state budget, the CSU campuses are becoming increasingly competitive for admissions selection. It is extremely important that you stay current on admission practices for your school of choice, in addition to the following checklist below. Admission practices can change mid-year without prior notification. Please contact a university representative or a Transfer Center counselor for more information.

1. Review your academic records with a Cerritos counselor AND a university representative to determine your eligibility & competitiveness as a transfer applicant. Follow an educational plan.

2. Find out if the CSU campus and major you are interested in is impacted. If so, find out what the admissions requirements are and when they should be completed, i.e., grade point average, major courses required and any other supplemental materials such as portfolios, interviews or letters of recommendation.

3. Take courses for your major, especially if your major is impacted.

4. Find out which general education pattern is appropriate for your campus and/or major choice. In general, the CSU general education pattern (plan B) is preferred, but there are some prominent exceptions.

5. Do not delay taking your transfer Math, English Composition, Critical Thinking and Speech courses (“The Golden Four”).

6. Inquire about the benefits of joining the Scholars' Honors Program (SHP).

7. Visit the CSU campus you are interested in attending. Inquire about university tours at the Transfer Center.

8. Apply broadly. Don't put all of your eggs in one basket. Apply to at least one non-impacted campus if your first choice campus is impacted. Consider listing an alternate major, if your first choice major is impacted. Apply on time and observe all of the important application filing deadlines. Some CSU campuses don't accept applications in the winter quarter/spring semester.

9. Meet with the Transfer Center counselor. Attend admissions and application workshops. Go to the Transfer Center website for dates and times. www.cerritos.edu/transfer.

10. Learn to use these valuable websites to access helpful transfer information:
   - http://www.csumentor.edu: Explore CSU campuses, access transfer information & apply online.
   - www.assist.org: Find major preparation that transfers from Cerritos to the CSU/UC system.
CSU Locations & Contact Information

CSU campuses in Northern CA
California Maritime Academy (S)
200 Maritime Academy Drive
Vallejo, CA 94590
(800) 561-1945

CSU Chico (S)
400 W. First Street
Chico, CA 95929-0722
(530) 898-6321

CSU East Bay (Q)
25800 Carlos Bee Boulevard
Hayward, CA 94542-3035
(510) 885-2624

CSU Sacramento (S)
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6048
(916) 278-3901

Humboldt State University (S)
1 Harpst Street
Arcata, CA 95521-4957
(707) 826-4402

San Francisco State University (S)
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132-4002
(415) 338-1113

San José State University (S)
One Washington Sq
San Jose, CA 95192-0009
(408) 283-7500

Sonoma State University (S)
1801 East Cotati Ave
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
(707) 664-2778

CSU campuses in Central CA
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (Q)
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407
(805) 756-2311

CSU Monterey Bay (S)
100 Campus Center Drive
Seaside, CA 93955-8001
(831) 582-3518

CSU Stanislaus (Q)
801 West Monte Vista Ave
Turlock, CA 95382
(209) 667-3152

CSU Fresno (S)
5150 North Maple Avenue
Fresno, CA 93740-0057
(559) 278-2261

CSU campuses in Southern CA
CSU Channel Islands (S)
One University Drive
Camarillo, CA 93012
(805) 437-8500

CSU Northridge (S)
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA 91330-8207
(818) 677-3700

CSU Los Angeles (Q)
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8530
(323) 343-3901

CSU Dominguez Hills (S)
1000 East Victoria St
Carson, CA 90747
(310) 243-3696

Cal Poly Pomona (Q)
3801 West Temple Avenue
Pomona, CA 91768-4003
(909) 869-3210

CSU Fullerton (S)
800 N. State College Blvd
Fullerton, CA 92834-9480
(714) 520-3100

CSU Long Beach (S)
1250 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90840-0106
(562) 985-5471

CSU San Marcos (S)
333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Rd
San Marcos, CA 92096-0001
(760) 750-4848

CSU Bakersfield (Q)
9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1099
(661) 664-3036

CSU San Bernardino (Q)
5500 University Parkway
San Bernardino, CA 92407-2397
(909) 880-5188

San Diego State University (S)
5500 Campanile Dr
San Diego, CA 92182-7455
(619) 594-6336
UC ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

___1. Review your academic records with a Cerritos counselor AND a university representative to determine your eligibility & competitiveness as a transfer applicant. Follow an educational plan.

___2. Find out if the UC campus and major you are interested in is impacted. If so, find out what the admissions requirements are and when they should be completed, i.e., grade point average, major courses required and any other supplemental materials such as portfolios, interviews or letters of recommendation.

___3. Take courses for your major early. The more courses you complete at the time of application, the more competitive you become.

___4. Find out which general education pattern is appropriate for your campus and/or major choice. In general, IGETC (plan C) is preferred, but there are some prominent exceptions.

___5. Do not delay taking your transfer math and English courses.

___6. If you took AP exams in high school, ask a counselor for a UC evaluation of those scores. Cerritos evaluates AP scores differently than UC campuses.

___7. Inquire about Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG) programs with some UC campuses. Check with the Transfer Center for a TAG workshop schedule. Inquire about the TAP Program w/ UCLA and UC Berkeley.

___8. Inquire about the benefits of joining the Scholars' Honors Program (SHP).

___9. Apply broadly. Don't put all of your eggs in one basket. Apply to at least 3 campuses. Apply on time and observe all of the important application filing deadlines. Most UC campuses accept applications only in the Fall semester/quarter. You must apply a year before the intended transfer term.

___10. Meet with the Transfer Center counselor. Attend admissions and application/personal statement workshops.

___11. Learn to use these valuable websites to access helpful transfer information:
http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergraduate.html:
Access individual UC campus websites, transfer information booklets & apply online
www.assist.org: Find what transfers from Cerritos to the UC system & which courses are required for your Major.
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)
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*UCSF is devoted solely to the study of the health and biomedical sciences, primarily at graduate level

Check out the admissions website for the entire University of California system: www.ucop.edu/pathway

S - semester system
Q – Quarter system
UC PERSONAL STATEMENT

The personal statement is an important part of your application. There are limitations to what grades and test scores can tell universities about you. The University uses your statement to learn more about you as an individual -- your talents, experiences, achievements and points of view. Think of the personal statement as your opportunity to introduce yourself to the admissions officers and faculty who will be evaluating your application. What would you like them to know about you that may not be evident from a review of the rest of your application?

For students who apply online using the PATHWAYS electronic application, there will be separate entry boxes for each question and a word counter to help applicants track the length of their responses. Because of the 40-minute time limit in place on each page of the application, we recommend that you DO NOT compose your answers on the electronic application. Compose and save them using a word processing program, then copy and paste them in the appropriate entry boxes. Proofread your personal statement very carefully.

Respond to the following two questions using no more than a total of 1,000 words. You may allocate the word count as you wish. If you choose to respond to one prompt at greater length, we suggest your shorter answer be no less then 250 words. You must stay within 1,000 words as closely as you can. It is acceptable if you run a little over or under a little (for example, 1,012 words).

Personal Statement Questions

Question One
What is your intended major? Discuss how your interest in the subject developed and describe any experience you have had in the field - such as volunteer work, internships and employment, participation in student organizations and activities - and what you have gained from your involvement.

Question Two
Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

Writing Tips:

Start early. Allow time for reflection, thoughtful preparation, and revision.

Choose a topic for each essay. Look critically at the information in your application: your grades, awards, activities and work experience, family and income. Anticipate questions an admissions evaluator will have after reading your application. The personal statement is your opportunity to answer those questions.

Compose your personal statement in a word processing program. Don't type it directly into the application.

Write in a natural style. Present your information and ideas in a focused, thoughtful and meaningful manner. Support your ideas with specific examples.

Proofread. In addition to checking your spelling, be sure your grammar is correct and your essays read smoothly.

Solicit feedback. Your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone, but others--family and teachers--can offer valuable suggestions.

Copy and paste. Once you are satisfied with your essays, save them and paste them into the space provided in the application. Proofread once more to make sure no odd characters or line breaks have appeared.
**CALCULATING THE TRANSFERABLE GPA**

**Step 1** – Obtain a copy of your transcripts from all colleges attended; line out the classes that are not transferable (refer to the Cerritos General Catalog to find out what classes are transferable or go to the Assist website [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)). For instructions on how to use the Assist website go to page 18.

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

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A=4 \quad B=3 \quad C=2 \quad D=1 \quad F=0
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When calculating GPA, a unit attempted is a course in which a grade of A, B, C, D, or F has been earned.

### FALL SEMESTER X

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**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.

In the example above there are only 9 transferable units and 24 transferable grade points. Grade points were computed by multiplying the number of units that the class is worth times the number of assigned letter grade points. To compute the transferable GPA you must divide total transferable grade points by total transferable units. Therefore, the Transferable GPA is:

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\frac{24}{9} = 2.67
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Total **Transferable** Grade Points / Total **Transferable** Units Attempted = **Transferable** GPA

**Repeat** – Course repetition allows such courses for which only substandard work has been recorded, to be repeated only once. The previous grade and units will be disregarded in the computation of Cerritos College GPA.

**Academic Renewal** – A procedure that permits alleviation of previously recorded substandard (“D” and “F”) academic performance which is not reflective of a student’s present demonstrated ability. At least 24 units of college work from an accredited institution with a GPA of 2.0 must be completed after the coursework to be alleviated. See a counselor for more information.

**NOTE:** Pass/No Pass, Credit/No Credit, Incompletes and/or withdrawals are not calculated in your GPA.
**Questions to Ask University Representatives**

**What is Your Campus or Community Like?**

- Is your college located in an urban, suburban, or rural setting?
- What kinds of social, cultural & recreational activities are available on the campus and in the community?
- How far away from my home is your campus? How much time does it take to get there from my home by car, by public transportation?
- Will I need a car to get around? Does public transportation (bus) provide easy access to the campus and community?
- How many students are enrolled? In my major? From my community/school?
- Are you on the semester or quarter system? When do classes begin?

**Tell Me About Your Programs**

- Do you offer my major?
- Is my degree program accredited –by whom and at what level (undergraduate/graduate)?
- Are advanced degrees (master’s, doctorate) offered?
- What programs do you offer that will support my major?
- Can I enroll part-time, take courses in the late afternoons, evenings, weekends or during the summer?
- Are there internship opportunities available on campus, in the community?
- Do you have an honors program for students who enter with high grades?

**Will I Be Eligible For Admission?**

- What are your admission requirements for transfer students?
- Will I need to write a personal statement?
- How do you determine my grade if I repeat a course?
- Will a course in which I received a “D” grade count?
- What is the admissions priority of transfer students from community colleges, from 4-year colleges?
- If I go to a community college first, will my credits transfer? How and when will I know?

**How Do I Apply For Admission?**

- Where, when, and how can I get an application?
- Should I apply online?
- When can I first apply? What is your application deadline date?
- Can I apply to more than one campus in your system? How?
- Can I have my application transferred from one campus to another if I change my mind?
- When do I have to submit transcripts, test scores and other admissions materials?
- When will I be notified if I have been admitted?
- Is my major overcrowded (impacted)? If so, what special requirements do I need? If I’m not accepted in my major, what are my options?
- Can I change to another major?
- Can I have my application sent to another campus for consideration?

**How Much Does Your College Cost?**

- What are the costs of tuition or registration fees, books and supplies, housing, parking, etc.?
- When do I pay those fees?
- What are the chances fees will be increased and when will I know?
- Do I send in a deposit to confirm my intention to enroll? How much? When?

**Is Financial Aid Available?**

- What kinds of financial assistance are available?
- When and how do I apply for financial aid? Do I apply for campus scholarships separately?
- How do you determine if I qualify for assistance?
- When will I be notified if I will or will not receive assistance?
- Will financial aid cover my entire need?
- Are there special kinds of assistance for students from certain underrepresented groups?
- Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus, in the community?

**What Else Do I Need To Know?**

- Can I take courses at your college for college credit before I transfer? What are the requirements for enrolling? When and how do I sign up?
- How do I make arrangements to talk with someone further at your college to discuss enrollment opportunities?
- How do I make arrangements to take a tour of your campus?
- Do you have an open house program for prospective students? When and who do I contact for more information?
- Do you offer housing for transfer students? Is it guaranteed?
SCHOLARS’ HONORS PROGRAM – UNIVERSITY PRIORITY ADMISSIONS

This is an academic program for talented and motivated students who are seeking a rigorous and challenging curriculum.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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The Scholars’ Honors Program (SHP) offers Cerritos College students priority admission into the following universities:

- UCLA - Transfer Alliance Program (TAP)
- UC Irvine - Community College Honors Transfer Program
- UC Riverside - Honors Alliance for Riverside Transfers (HART)
- Chapman University - Priority Access for Chapman Transfer (PACT)
- LaSierra University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Occidental College
- Pitzer College
- Pomona College - Pomona Agreement for Transfer Honors (PATH)

In addition to priority admissions consideration, SHP offers:

- Early enrolment into Cerritos College classes as long as you complete a honors course each semester and meet with a SHP counselor
- Priority admissions into some university honors programs
- Priority access to scholarships and university library privileges
- Priority or guaranteed on campus university housing
- Opportunity to present research at honors conferences
- Complimentary opportunities to attend academic/ cultural events and
- many other great benefits!!

For more details and up-to-date information, stop by in person to the Scholars’ Honors Program Center in the Administration building/Student Services Center or visit the SHP website at:
http://www.cerritos.edu/shp
INDEPENDENT AND OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS
There are many choices for transfer students when deciding to earn a bachelor's degree and beyond. In addition to the California State University and University of California systems, there are many California independent institutions. There are also many colleges, private and public, located throughout the United States to which Cerritos College students can transfer. Each of these institutions has its own unique requirements for admission. In order to determine eligibility, students should refer to the school's catalog or website and consult with a counselor at Cerritos College and/or the university of choice.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT AND OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
In planning for transfer, students should consider the general education requirements for all institutions of interest. Many in-state independent institutions accept CSU General Education and IGETC. Students transferring to independent or out-of-state institutions should refer to the school's catalog or website and meet with a counselor in order to determine appropriate general education requirements. Cerritos College has articulated general education requirements with a number of independent institutions. You can visit the Transfer Center's website at www.cerritos.edu/transfer for a complete list of articulation agreements.

USEFUL WEBSITES

College Source online
www.collegesource.org
- Search the catalogs of all colleges in the country
- Determine admission and transfer requirements
- Residency requirements
- Course equivalency
- Opportunities for involvement
- Only Available on-campus

Eureka
www.eureka.org
- Browse colleges
- Demographic/contact information
- Which school has my major?
- To obtain a username and password go the Careers Services Center

Common Application
www.commonapp.org
- A common application is used for many Independent and Out of State Colleges/Universities along with the University Supplemental Application.
PRIVATE/OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGE ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS AND TRANSFER GUIDES

Articulation Agreements - specify course transferability between regionally accredited institutions. In California, regional accreditation refers to accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Arizona State University
Azusa Pacific University
Biola University
Brigham Young University (BYU)
Chapman University
Concordia University
 DeVry University
Embry Riddle—Aeronautical University
Hope International University
Loyola Marymount University
Mt. St. Mary's College
National University
Northwood University
Pepperdine University—Graziadio School of Business
Southern California University of Health Science
University of Southern California
USC (Marshall School of Business)
University of La Verne
University of the Pacific
Whittier College
Woodbury University

View complete articulation agreements on the Transfer Center Web page www.cerritos.edu/transfer.
(For information about California’s 77 independent/private universities, go to www.aiccu.edu)
Articulation: Articulation agreements are formal agreements between two campuses. They define how courses taken at one college or university can be used to satisfy a subject matter requirement at another college or university, usually looking from California community college to California public 4-year universities. To see articulation agreements, start by choosing a college or university.

Using ASSIST

There are many ways to use ASSIST.

1. You can use ASSIST to find community college courses that are transferable to a UC or CSU campus and how those courses might be used to satisfy specific subject matter requirements for admissions, General Education, or lower division major preparation with California public universities.

How to Use ASSIST:

Log On: www.assist.org

Using the pull-down menu, select Cerritos College
Select the university of your choice
Select the major or departments

Cerritos College courses will be on the right and the transfer university courses will be on the left.

2. You can use ASSIST to explore the majors available at University of California and California State University campuses.

Click on Explore Majors

3. You can use ASSIST to figure out whether courses from the community college are transferable to the UC/CSU.

- Select the community college of interest (Cerritos College)
- Select either CSU transferable courses or UC Transferable courses
- Select a department for the courses in question

IMPORTANT: ASSIST should not be used in place of meeting with a counselor. Students are advised to contact a Cerritos College counselor for more information & for details regarding other transfer agreements not available on assist.
## Long Range Planning

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### Student Notes:

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FINANCIAL AID TO DO LIST

1. Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
   You can list up to 10 colleges or universities including Cerritos College #001161.
   **Apply between January and March 2nd to meet the priority deadline.**
   You can still apply after the priority deadline, but you may miss out on
   some grants or work-study.
   [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

2. Submit a GPA Verification Form (G-4) along with the FAFSA by March 2nd to
   apply for Cal Grant. If you already have a Cal Grant and are ready to
   transfer, be sure to submit a School Change Form (G-10) to the
   California Student Aid Commission.
   [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)
   [https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp](https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp)

3. Search for scholarships at Cerritos College and at the colleges or universities that
   you are interested in attending.
   [www.cerritos.edu/finaid/scholarship.htm](http://www.cerritos.edu/finaid/scholarship.htm)
   [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
   [http://cms.cerritos.edu/foundation/scholarships/transfer](http://cms.cerritos.edu/foundation/scholarships/transfer)

4. EOPS may be able to waive your admission application fees if you are
   eligible. Contact the EOPS office at (562) 860-2451 ext. 2398 for more
   information. The EOP applications for the California State University (CSU)
   are available at
   [www.csumentor.com](http://www.csumentor.com)

5. Visit the Financial Aid Office website for the college or university of your choice.
   Each school has their own forms, deadlines and policies.

6. Check into the following aid programs to see if you qualify:
   - State University Grant (SUG)
   - Chafee Grant
   - SMART Grant
   - FSEOG
   - Federal Work Study (FWS)
   - Federal Family Educational Loan
   - Federal Perkins Loan
Financial Aid Tips

Communicate and follow up with the Financial Aid Office

- Check the status of your financial aid. Complete and submit all required forms immediately.
- Read and understand your award letter, you may need to accept/decline your awards.
- Ask questions...
  - Resources for foster youth
  - Financial Aid workshops
  - Disbursement dates
- Inform the staff of any circumstances that may impact your financial situation: loss of job, no contact with parents, significant out of pocket expenses, etc.

- It is important to apply for financial aid even if you do not think you are eligible. There are many factors besides income used to determine your eligibility. You may qualify.
- Do not wait until you transfer to apply for financial aid. Apply today!
- Remember, you must reapply for financial aid each year.

Helpful Websites

- www.cerritos.edu/finaid
- www.college.gov
- www.icanaffordcollege.com

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