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Many of our students transfer to a four-year college or university after completing lower division courses at DVC. DVC has consistently been among the community colleges that transfers the most students to the University of California and to the California State University systems.

The key to our students' success is that they understand which transferable courses are required

- for admissions for their major
- for general education at their chosen four-year college.

The three part combination of requirements may be complex and necessitates that transfer students seek strong advising to be assured the courses in which they enroll meet all their transfer college's requirements. Students are strongly encouraged to work with our counselors to plan their class schedules. This planning ensures that students complete needed courses at DVC in a timely manner and can reduce the time needed at the four-year college to attain a bachelor's degree.

Each four-year institution has its own basic pattern of lower-division requirements regarding both general education and specific majors. CSU and UC applicants must also meet admission, major, prerequisite, and transferable unit requirements. These requirements vary from college to college and often change from year to year. Therefore, in addition to using counseling services, students are also encouraged to take advantage of information available in the Transfer Services, on college and university websites, in print materials, and from college representatives.

Transfer to the California State University (CSU)

To transfer as a junior to CSU, students must complete all of the following:

- at least 60 CSU-transferable units with a 2.0 grade point average (2.4 for non-residents)
- at least 30 of those units must be G.E. courses from the IGETC or CSU G.E. Breadth requirements (listed as General Education Options 2 and 3 in the Requirements section of this catalog).
- courses in Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning must all be completed with grades of "C" or higher. (Areas A and B4 from the CSU G.E. Breadth requirements or Areas 1 and 2 from IGETC)

Courses that transfer to CSU

All DVC courses, except those listed below, will transfer to CSU. Courses that transfer will receive at least elective credit; check with a counselor for full information on the possible use of these courses toward general education breadth and major requirements.

Courses that will NOT transfer to CSU

- All courses numbered less than 100
- Construction 266, 267
- Dental Hygiene 295
- Electricity 266, 267
- English 116, 118
- Library Studies 100
- Mathematics 110, 110SP, 111, 114, 120, 120SP

Requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA-T) or the Associate in Science (AS-T) for CSU transfer

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an “associate degree for transfer”, a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The associate in arts for transfer (AA-T) or the associate in science for transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete a minimum of 60 required term units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T or AS-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor’s degree (unless the major is a designated “high-unit” major). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

At the time of catalog publication, no majors for the AA-T or AS-T have been approved. Majors are under development. For more information, please see a counselor and www.dvc.edu for more information.

Impacted majors

The term impacted means that the program usually attracts many more applicants than it can accept. Consequently, there are special requirements and selection procedures for admission. Sometimes entire campuses such as Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and San Diego State University are impacted and all majors there require more than the minimum requirements for admission.

Impacted majors at individual CSU campuses can vary from year to year. Some examples of impacted majors are business administration and nursing.

Students should refer to the specific CSU campus web site or www.assist.org or www.csumentor.edu for current information regarding impacted majors. Students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to determine if the major they are considering is impacted and what additional requirements are necessary to transfer.

CSU General education breadth requirements (CSU G.E.)

Completion of the pattern of courses listed as General Education Option 3 in the Requirements section ensures that students will have completed all of their lower division general education courses towards their bachelor’s degree at CSU. After a student has completed this pattern, he or she may request certification of its completion. With this certification, students will be responsible only for an additional nine upper division semester units in general education. Certification is not automatic and must be requested through the DVC Admissions and Records Office.

The current list of courses approved for meeting CSU G.E. is available in the DVC Counseling Center or at www.assist.org. See the pattern of courses listed as General Education Option 3 in this catalog in Section Three: Requirements.

Students may choose to complete the IGETC pattern of courses rather than CSU G.E. Breadth for CSU. This will have the same benefit as certification in CSU G.E. Breadth.

Reminder: Students must request that the CSU G.E. certification be sent to the CSU campus that they will be attending. Complete the CSU G.E. certification request form at the DVC Admissions and Records Office.

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

The IGETC is a general education pattern that community college transfer students can use to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for the CSU or many colleges in the UC system without the need to take additional lower-division general education courses after transfer. It is designed for use by California community college students. Students who have attended a CSU, UC, independent or out-of-state college or university should consult with a counselor to determine if the use of IGETC is appropriate to reach their goal.

IGETC is not right for all students planning to transfer. The IGETC is only one way to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements of the UC or CSU. It is not recommended for certain majors and some schools or colleges within UC do not accept IGETC. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division major preparation may not find the IGETC option to be advantageous and may be better served by taking courses that fulfill the general education requirements of the UC or CSU college to which they plan to transfer. The IGETC will probably be most useful for students who want to keep their options open before making a final decision about transferring to a particular CSU or UC campus or a particular major. It is recommended that the entire IGETC pattern be completed prior to transfer. If a student

does not complete all the breadth and general education requirements of the IGETC with a grade of "C" or higher before transferring, he/she will be subject to the regulations regarding breadth and general education requirements of the school or college of the campus to which he/she has been admitted.

The current list of courses approved for meeting IGETC is available in the DVC Counseling Center or at www.assist.org. See the pattern of courses listed as General Education Option 2 in the Requirements section of this catalog.

Reminder: Students must request that the IGETC certification be sent to the four-year campus that they will be attending. Complete the IGETC certification request form at the Admissions and Records Office.



Transfer to the University of California (UC)

To transfer as a junior to UC students must complete 60 semester units of UC transferable college credit with a grade point average of at least 2.4 (2.8 for non-residents) including:

- two UC transferable college courses (three semester units each) in English composition; and
- one UC transferable college course (three semester units) in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning; and
- four UC transferable college courses (three semester units each) chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: the arts and humanities, the social and behavioral sciences, and the physical and biological sciences.

All of the above courses must be completed with grades of "C" or higher.

Course requirements vary from one UC campus to the next. Therefore, students should work with a counselor to formulate a strategy for completing a particular campus's admissions requirements, major requirements, and general education requirements.

Letter graded and Pass (P) units

No more than 14 of the UC transferable units may be graded "P". All courses required in a major must be taken for a letter grade. Contact a counselor for complete information.

Transferable courses

A listing of information on transferable DVC courses and UC credit limitations is available at www.assist.org or from the Counseling Center.

Selection for admission to UC

Many campuses of the University of California receive many more applicants to a particular major or program than it can accept. Consequently, there may be certain course requirements, special selection procedures and a higher grade point average requirement than the minimum 2.4 GPA admission requirement for UC transfers (2.8 GPA for non residents). Students interested in transferring to UC are urged to consult with a counselor as soon as possible in order to determine the current requirements for the major to which they plan to apply. Knowledge of these requirements will maximize a student's chances of being selected by the UC campus of their choice.

Selective majors at the UC campuses vary from year to year. Refer to the specific campus website for current information on impacted majors. Information is also available at www.assist.org.

UC special admissions programs (TAG agreement)

The following UC campuses offer agreements that guarantee DVC students admission as transfer students provided they complete certain courses with a designated grade point average: Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz. The admission agreements offered by these campuses vary according to their requirements. Contact a counselor or the Transfer Services for complete information.

Transfer to independent (private and out-of-state) colleges and universities

Each year many DVC students go on to pursue their fields of interest and earn their degrees at private four-year institutions. Admission requirements and general education requirements vary from college to college. DVC has articulation agreements with a limited number of independent colleges and universities in the area and out-of-state. These can be obtained through the DVC Counseling Center. To make transferring to an independent college or university or out-of-state institution as smooth as possible, students should contact the school directly early in their academic career.