

Transfer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are the minimum admission requirements for my transfer university?

Important Notes

- Minimum admission requirements are what you need to be considered for admission by a university. However, just meeting the minimum requirements usually does not guarantee that you will be admitted.
- Students who complete a general education (GE) pattern will usually fulfill the coursework needed to meet minimum eligibility requirements (except for SDSU).



Upper Division vs. Lower Division

Upper division students are those who have completed at least 60 units of transferable coursework, while lower division students are those who have completed less than 60 units. It is usually to your advantage to transfer as an upper division student. Some universities do not accept lower division transfer students, and it is often more difficult to get admitted to a university as a lower division student. In addition, most universities require lower division students to submit SAT scores, have a minimum high school GPA, or meet other criteria that are not required for upper division students.

UC System Minimum Requirements

- 60 UC-transferable units
- 2.4 GPA (higher GPA required for admission to most campuses)
- "Seven Course Pattern"
 - Two courses in English Composition (IEGTC Area 1A and 1B)
 - One course in Mathematics / Quantitative Reasoning (IGETC Area 2)
 - Four courses in at least two of the following areas:
 - Arts & Humanities (IGETC Area 3)
 - Social & Behavioral Sciences (IGETC Area 4)
 - Physical & Biological Sciences (IGETC Area 5)

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CSU System Minimum Requirements

- 60 CSU-transferable units
- 2.0 GPA
- “Golden Four” courses
 - Oral Communication (CSU GE Area A1 / IGETC Area 1C)
 - Written Communication (CSU GE Area A2 / IGETC Area 1A)
 - Critical Thinking (CSU GE Area A3 / IGETC Area 1B)
 - Mathematics / Quantitative Reasoning (CSU GE Area B4 / IGETC Area 2)

SDSU Minimum Requirements

- 60 CSU-transferable units.
- GPA required to enter the major at SDSU, or 2.0 if no other GPA is specified.
- All lower division General Education (GE). This requirement can be met by CSU GE certification, IGETC, or completion of one of the applicable GE patterns listed in the SDSU catalog. GE requirements in composition, oral communication, critical thinking and mathematics must be completed with a “C” or better in each course.
- All SDSU preparation for the major courses that have been articulated and offered at the community college(s) attended the year prior to transfer. If the prep-for-major courses in combination with the 39 units of GE exceeds 60 units, students are only required to complete 24 units of prep-for-major courses.
- Other notes:
 - Students who do not complete the minimum admission requirements will be considered for admission on a space-available basis.
 - Some majors have additional admission requirements.

Independent or Out-of-State Universities

Each independent or out-of-state university has different minimum admission requirements. Students should contact their intended university to learn more about its minimum admission requirements.

General Education Certification

GE Certification is a legal agreement between City College and a California public university (UC or CSU campus) that all of your lower division General Education (GE) requirements have been completed. Once you are GE certified your university usually cannot require you to complete more lower division general education courses. You should file for GE certification once you have completed or are enrolled in your final GE courses and know which university you will be attending. Apply at the **Evaluations desk** in room **A-110**. Students who become GE certified will usually also have fulfilled the coursework needed to meet minimum admission requirements (except for SDSU).

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