

Transfer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How many of my units will transfer?

Transferable courses

The term “transferable” means that the course will count for units of credit at the university and will factor in to your transferable GPA. Not every community college course is transferable to every university. Some courses count for Associate Degree credit but not for transfer. Some courses transfer to the CSU system but not to the UC system. Most courses that transfer to the CSU or UC systems will transfer to most private schools, but not necessarily to all. Some universities also place limits on the number of units you can receive for certain types of courses. For example, the UC system will grant a maximum of four units of credit for Physical Education activity courses taken at community college.

To determine which City College courses are transferable to the UC or CSU systems, visit www.assist.org and select “San Diego City College”, the academic year you took the course, and “CSU Transferable Courses” or “UC Transferable Courses”.

Credit for requirements vs. credit for units

Transferable courses count for units of credit at the university and are factored in to your transferable GPA, but may not necessarily count for requirements at that university. For example, a course may transfer for three units of credit but not fulfill any university general education or preparation-for-major requirements. Courses that count for credit but do not fulfill any other requirements are called “elective” courses. Most students are best served by completing courses at community college that will fulfill requirements at the university.

GPA Calculation	Course Requirements	Total Transferable Units
Every transferable course you have ever taken that has a grade associated with it will be used in calculating your transferable GPA	Every transferable course you have ever passed (usually with a C or D minimum grade) <u>may</u> fulfill course requirements. For example, a course may fulfill requirements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General Education (GE)- Prep-for-major- University graduation requirements A course may fulfill more than one requirement! For example, a prep-for-major course may also fulfill a GE requirement.	Every transferable course you have ever passed will be used to calculate your total transferable units. However, California public universities (and many private universities) grant a maximum of 70 units earned from community college toward the total number of units you need to earn a university degree. (See below for more information.)

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Maximum units of credit

California public universities (and some private schools) grant a maximum of 70 units of credit from community college. That means that even if you complete, say, 100 units of transferable coursework at community college, you will only receive credit for 70 units toward the total number of units you need for a degree from the university. The courses you take beyond the 70-unit limit will still factor in to your transferable GPA and may still fulfill general education or preparation-for-major requirements, but will not count toward the total number of units you need to graduate with a Bachelor degree.

Example: Stu Dent completes 90 transferable units at City College. Stu's last three courses were Math 119, English 205, and Speech 103. Stu will still get credit for completing the math, critical thinking, and oral communication general education requirements that these courses fulfill. However, he will only get credit for completing 70 units toward the total number of units he needs to graduate from his university. Another way to say this is no matter how many more courses he takes at City, he will still need to complete at least 50 units at his university.

Are You a Senior?

Some universities (like UCSD) do not accept seniors. A senior is a student who has completed 90 or more transferable semester units. If you have only attended community colleges, you cannot be a senior, because only 70 of your units will transfer for credit. However, if you earned more than 19 units at an institution that grants Bachelor degrees, you might be a senior or may become one before transferring. To calculate your total units, add the units you completed at the Bachelor degree-granting school to the units you completed at community college (up to a maximum of 70 units of community college credit). If the total is more than 89 units, you are a senior and may not be eligible to attend UCSD or some other universities. Each university has different rules on how units are totaled and the maximum allowable number of units.

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