Exploring Private and Out-of-State Universities



Fall 2008

- Six elements for transfer to an independent/private or outof-state college or university:
 - Admission
 Minimum Eligibility/Admission requirements for entrance to an independent/private college or university
 - General Education (GE)
 Options for completing a GE pattern
 - Majors
 Completing lower division major requirements is also key
 - Selection Some of the private colleges/universities have additional screening criteria
 - Electives
 Courses chosen to complete the required number of units to transfer as a junior
 - Applying for Admissions

Admission Requirements for Independent/Private Colleges and Universities

- Admissions requirements vary from institution to institution and by major or program of study.
- There is no standard set of admission requirements among independent/private college and universities.
- In addition to setting its own unique admission requirements, each independent/private college or university takes into consideration the talents and academic promise of each individual student.
- For additional information about independent/private colleges and universities in California, go to www.AICCUMentor.org.

Advice for Transferring to Private Colleges

- Complete English and Math requirements as early as possible
- Whenever possible, focus on completing both minimum admission requirements and major preparation course work.
- Complete all courses by end of spring quarter before your transfer in the fall.
- Apply to more than one independent/private campus.
- Be sure to visit the campus of your choice. Many independent/private colleges and universities sponsor Open House and Transfer Day events to introduce prospective students to the campus community. Also, it is sometimes possible to receive individual tours by contacting the Admissions or Outreach offices of the campus.
- Meet with an Admissions Officer or Major Advisor from the campus of your choice to ensure proper educational planning that will lead to successful transfer.

General Education (GE) Requirements for Independent/Private Colleges

- Independent/private colleges and universities sometimes permit transfer students to follow a general education (GE) pattern of courses while completing admission requirements and lower division prerequisites in a major.
- GE patterns usually consist of a variety of courses from a broad range of disciplines, which are designed to give breadth of education.

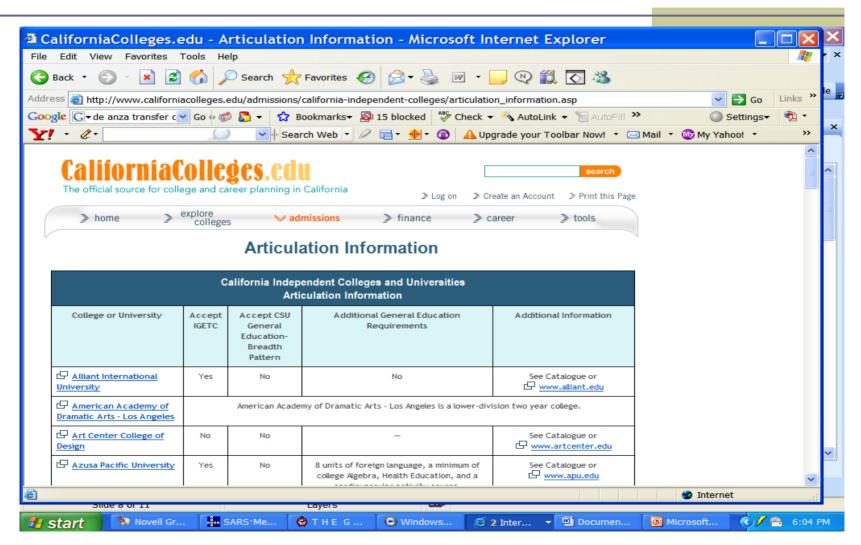
General Education (GE) Requirements for Independent/Private Colleges

- How do I know which GE pattern to follow?
 - Your unique circumstances (previous college work, major, choice of transfer institution, etc.) will determine which plan is best.
 - Some majors prefer that you do not concentrate heavily on general education.
 - Meet with an academic advisor or counselor to determine which plan meets your needs.

IGETC and **CSU GE/Breadth**

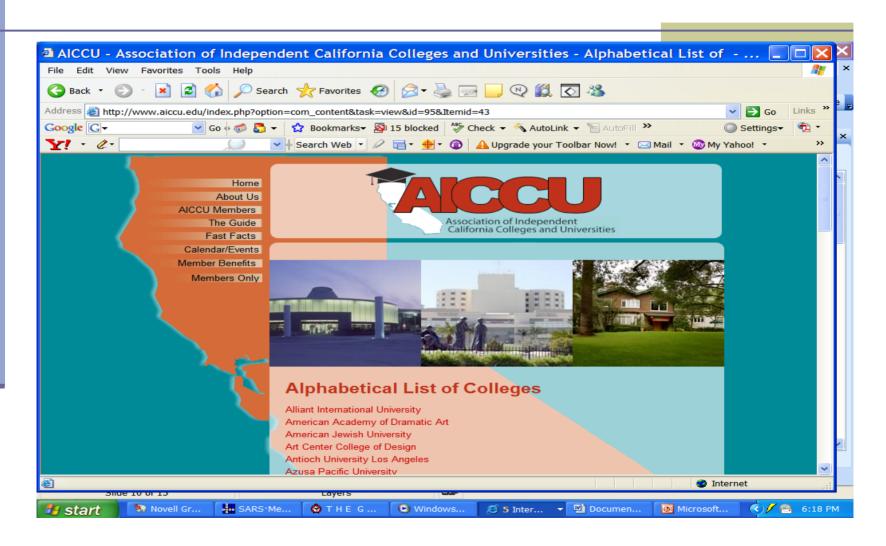
- In California, there are several independent/private campuses that honor either IGETC or the CSU GE/Breadth pattern to satisfy lower division general education requirements.
- Some institutions may require an Associate's degree and/or certification of IGETC or CSU GE/Breadth by a California Community College.
- Transfer students may also be required to complete to additional lower division GE requirements after transfer.

CA Privates that Accept IGETC or CSU GE/Breadth



- What is major preparation for independent colleges and universities?
 - In addition to completing the admission requirements for an independent college or university, it is essential that you complete as many of the freshman and sophomore requirements for your major.
 - Many college departments will not admit you if you have not completed specific lower division courses for your major which essentially prepares you to transfer at the junior level.
 - Major preparation is particularly critical for science and engineering majors as well as for highly selective majors or campuses.

- Which independent colleges and universities offer my major?
 - For independent colleges in California, go to www.aiccu.edu and click on the campus name to be directed to campus-specific Web sites. Usually majors are listed under "academics" or "degrees".



Where can I find the requirements for my major?

- Detailed lower division requirements for the major are listed in the college catalog of every university. Catalogs are also usually be found directly through a college's Web site.
- Counselors/Academic advisors at SBCC and department advisors at the University can help you design an educational plan that will streamline your path to your choice of major.
- Remember to check with admissions and department personnel at the university of your choice to be sure that you are taking appropriate courses.

- Can I transfer to an independent college or university with an undeclared major?
 - It is best to decide on a major as early as possible. In addition to having time to complete the lower division prerequisites for your major, you will want to be sure that the college of your choice offers your major.
 - Guidelines for transferring to an independent college or university with an undeclared major will vary by individual campus. In some cases it is possible that you could be admitted as an undeclared major provided you have a lower division or sophomore standing for transfer. Once you reach junior status many independent colleges and universities prefer that you declare a major and complete major preparation courses.

Screening Criteria for Private Colleges

- What does 'eligibility' to the Private College mean?
 - Meeting minimum requirements for admission to a specific private college or university.
- What does 'selection' to a private college mean?
 - Minimum eligibility requirements may not be sufficient for you to obtain entrance to the campus or major of your choice. Each private college establishes screening (selection) criteria designed to make selections where there are more applicants than spaces available.

Screening Criteria for Private Colleges

- Where can I find screening criteria?
 - Screening criteria are often listed in:
 - academic programs or in the section 'admission for prospective students' on campus web sites
 - Catalogs (paper or electronic)
 - Also go to <u>www.aiccumentor.org</u> for additional information regarding your choice of private university.

www.aiccumentor.org



Screening Criteria for Private Colleges

Does preparation in the major serve as part of the selection criteria?

Yes, the completion of all or most of the lower division major preparation is frequently a type of selection criteria for transferring to private colleges.

Electives for Private Colleges and Universities

What are electives for Private Colleges and Universities?

- Electives for private colleges are courses that transfer to a specific private college and are completed in addition to admission, GE and major requirements. Private colleges vary in their requirements for transferable courses.
- Some private colleges accept courses that are transferable to the California State University system and almost all accept courses that are transferable to the University of California System.
- SBCC Transferable Course Info for CSU and UC is available at www.assist.org

Electives for Private Colleges and Universities

What criteria should I use in choosing electives for the private colleges and universities?

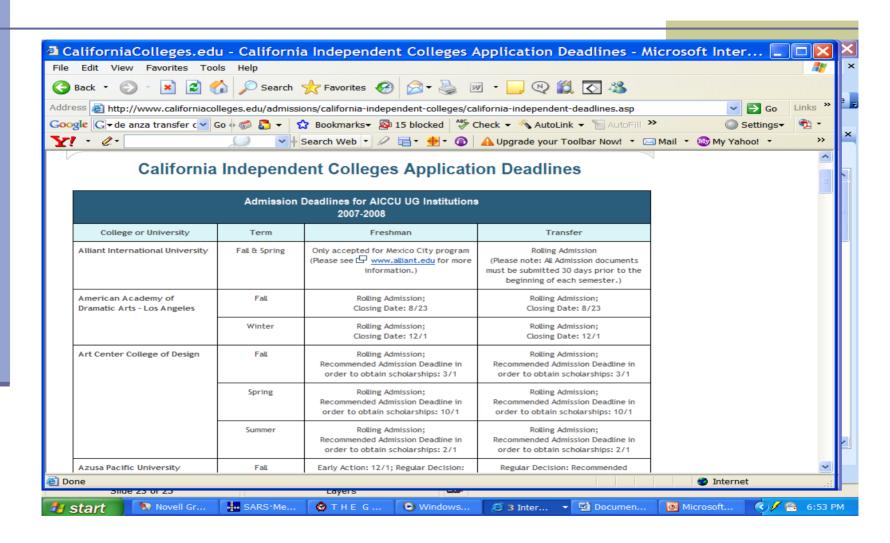
- The choice is entirely up to the student as long as the course is transferable. Some suggestions are:
- Take courses for:
 - gaining skills for the job market
 - increasing the depth and breadth of your major
 - preparing for a minor at the university
 - improving speaking, writing, reading, organizational, personal skills
 - learning a second language
 - balancing your study load
 - interest, fun, health

Electives for Private Colleges and Universities

How do electives fit into the overall Transfer Track to the Private Colleges?

A student must complete a designated amount of transferable quarter units set by the specific private college (including admission requirements, preparation in the major, selection criteria, general education and electives).

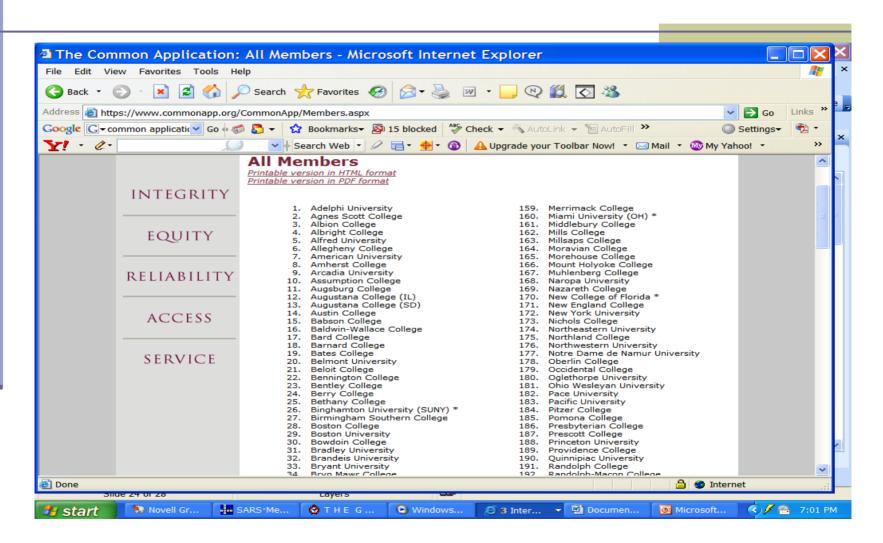
- Application filing periods vary for each institution
- For a list of application filing periods for California Privates, go to http://www.californiacolleges.edu/admissions/california-independent-colleges/california-independent-deadlines.asp



- California's nonprofit, independent colleges and universities establish their own admission criteria and application procedures.
- Many have their own admission application, and most of them offer online applications.
- Because California's nonprofit, independent colleges and universities are not government funded, it is important that students wishing to apply contact the colleges and universities of interest to determine specific requirements and deadlines.
- To apply online go directly to the college or university website.

- Some California nonprofit, independent colleges and universities accept the "Common Application" - an application accepted by a number of independent colleges across the country.
- If the schools to which you are applying accept the Common Application, be sure to check with them directly to determine if there are additional application requirements.





Additional Application, Transfer and Financial Information for California's Independent/Private Universities

- CaliforniaColleges.edu -- Admission and career planning information for Independent/Private and public colleges and universities in California
- AICCUMentor.org -- Independent/Private colleges and universities in California
- CollegeSource.org -- links to Web sites for independent/private and public colleges and universities in and outside of the U.S.*

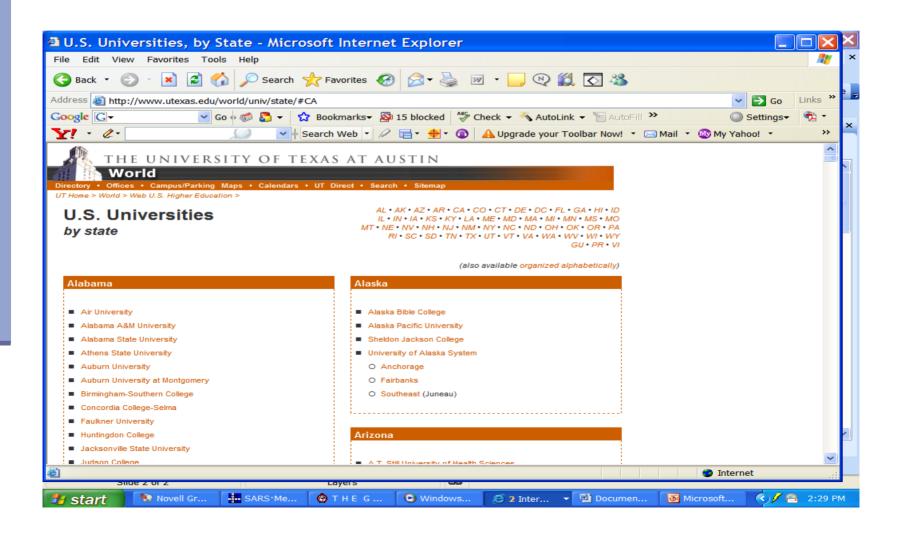
*This web site is accessible only from computers on the SBCC campus. If accessing from home or business you have a free trial option, but then subscription required. May also be accessible from computers at other educational institutions and libraries.

Out-of-State Universities

- Out-of-state colleges and universities establish their own admission criteria and application procedures.
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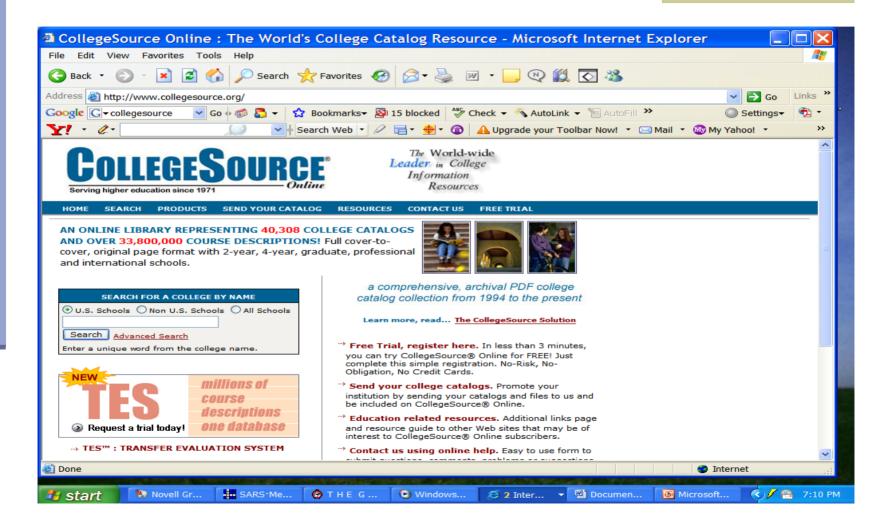
Links for Out-of-State Universities

http://www.utexas.edu/world/univ/state/#CA



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http://www.collegesource.org

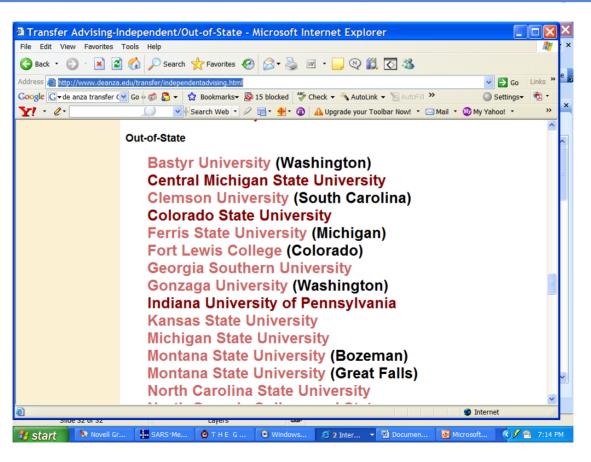


Unofficial Course Equivalencies for Out-of-State Universities

- The website listed on the following page provides general information regarding transfer course equivalencies, which are for planning purposes only.
- The course equivalencies listed are not official agreements; are subject to change at any time without notice; and do not guarantee an award of transfer credit.
- The links below are not representative of all out-of-state institutions or all transferable courses.

Unofficial Course Equivalencies for Out-of-State Universities

http://www.deanza.edu/transfer/independentadvising.html



SBCC Unofficial Course Equivalencies for Out-of-State Universities

- Bastyr University (Washington)
- Fort Lewis College (Colorado)
- Georgia Southern University
- Gonzaga University
- Kansas State University
- Michigan State Universaity
- Montana State University (Bozeman)
- Montana State University (Great Falls)
- North Carolina State University
- North Georgia College and State University
- Penn State University
- Plymouth State University (New Hampshire)
- Sam Houston State University (Texas)
- Seattle Pacific University
- University of Arkansas

- University of Hawaii, Manoa
- University of Idaho
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Maryland
- University of Missouri at St. Louis
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina, Greensboro
- University of Oregon
- University of South Dakota
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- Virginia Tech
- Washington State University
- Wayne State University
- Western Oregon University

Transfer Center (SS 140) Drop-In Advising

Now thru October 31st

November 3rd – December 19th

Mon: 10am-1-pm & 3-5pm

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Tues: 10am-1-pm & 3-5pm

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Wed: 10am-1-pm & 3-5pm

Wed: 10am - 5pm

Thur: 10am-1-pm & 2-4 pm

Thur: 8:30am-4 pm

Fri: 8:30am – 12pm