Answers for Transfers
What you need to know to transfer to a 4-year university

Mt. San Jacinto College
Counseling Department
4-Year University Options

Cal State System (23)
Approximately $6,000/year tuition cost
- CSU San Bernardino
- CSU San Marcos
- Cal Poly Pomona
- San Diego State
- CSU Fullerton
- CSU Long Beach
- CSU Northridge
- CSU Los Angeles
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

UC System (10)
Approximately $12,000/year tuition cost
- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC San Francisco
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
BUT HOW DO I FIND THE UNIVERSITY THAT FITS MY CRITERIA?
Eureka

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- MVC Site ID Code: ULWLIF6
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CSU vs. UC Schools

- Which one is better for me?
  - California State Universities
    - 23 CSU’s to choose from
    - Programs are designed to provide theory and application of material necessary for job preparation and graduate work
    - Hands-on approach
    - Practical approaches to field of study
  - University of California
    - 10 UC’s schools to choose from
    - Place emphasis on research and professional education
    - Focus on critical research skills
    - Study how and why things happen
OR Is a Private college THE WAY TO GO?

- Flexible Admission periods
- More evening and weekend coursework
- Some allow transfer with fewer than 60 units
- Faster paced courses
- Some have lower gpa requirements
- Not directly affected by state budget cuts
## Private school options

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University Admission Requirements

- 60 transferable units (100+ level coursework)
- 2.0 GPA minimum to apply for CSU schools*
- 2.4 GPA minimum to apply for UC schools*
- Private schools vary
- General Education Pattern (option B or C)
- Major preparation (www.assist.org)

*Many campuses and majors require a higher GPA
General Education comparison

**CSU – Option B**
- Oral Communication (A1)
- English 101 (A2)
- Critical Thinking (A3)
- Math 100+ (B4)
- Physical Science (B1)
- Life Science (B2)
- Science Lab (B3)
- 3 Arts & Hum (C1-C2)
- 3 Soc Sciences (D1-D10)
- Lifelong Learning (E)
- US History/Gov’t (grad req’t)

**UC or Private – Option C**
- English 101 (area 1A)
- Critical Thinking (area1B)
- Communication (area 1C)
- Math 100+ (area 2)
- 3 Arts & Hum (area 3)
- 3 Soc Sciences (area 4)
- Physical Science (Area 5)
- Life Science (Area 5)
- Science Lab (Area 5)
- Language other than English
  -- (UC only)
Major preparation

• Students should complete lower division major preparation prior to transfer

• This will reduce the number of courses you must take at the 4-year university

• It will also increase your chances of getting into an impacted major.

• See www.assist.org for specific information.
## Financial aid

- **Average Cost of Attendance Only**
  - CSU: Approximately $5,000/year
  - UC: Approximately $10,000/year
  - Private: Approx $10,000-30,000/year

- Financial Aid is available to those who qualify.

- Fill out the FAFSA online by the March 2 priority filing deadline.

- Grants, loans, and private scholarships are available to help you pay for school expenses.
Applying To A CSU School

- Apply October 1 - November 30
- Apply via [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- Send official transcripts from all colleges attended and request CSU general education certification (or IGETC certification).
- Follow up with intent to enroll and any other requested documents.
University of California

Click on a campus to read a description about the campus life, academics, enrollment and more.

Click on housing to find more information for transfer and housing.
Applying To A UC School

• Apply November 1 – November 30

• Apply via www.universityofcalifornia.edu

• Send official transcripts from all colleges attended and request IGETC certification.

• Follow up with intent to enroll and any other requested documents.
Private Universities Search

Use www.aiccu.edu to find private schools in California

To get to the search page: Put mouse over THE GUIDE and then click on Search Colleges

*You can also search for Private Universities across the US by clicking on THE GUIDE
Applying To A Private School

• Do your research

• Private schools have a wide variety of admission periods and deadlines

• Some will require essays and letters of recommendation

• Explore financial aid possibilities early
IMPACT OF STATE-wide budget cuts on THE CSU and UC SYSTEMS

• Late applications will not be accepted.
• Higher grade point averages will be required depending on university and major.
• No room for error! That means it is your responsibility to make sure you are meeting deadlines and reporting information accurately.
• Many CSU campuses are giving priority to students in their local service areas.
• Have a back-up plan and apply to more than one campus.
Now what...

- Do research!
- Visit the campuses you are considering to be sure you feel comfortable on campus.
- Meet with a counselor to be sure you know what classes to take and to find out more information.
- Start working on your personal statement.
- Go to the Career/Transfer Center to find out more information about the application process.
- Remember- it is important to choose your major and university as early as possible.
What do I do if I get stuck?

- Meet with a counselor to discuss pros and cons of the schools you are considering
- Apply to more than one school and continue conducting research
- Contact Alumni associations to speak with students who already attended the university or studied your major of interest
- Meet with college representatives for more information
  - Check with the Career/Transfer Center to find out if a representative from your school of interest will be coming to MSJC
Remember-
The Counseling Department is always here to help!

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