



TRANSFER STUDENT GUIDE



WHO IS AN UPPER-DIVISION TRANSFER (UDT)?

If you will have at least 60 semester or 90 quarter lower-division transferable units completed by the time you enter a CSU, you are considered an upper-division transfer applicant.

UPPER-DIVISION TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted to the California State University as an upper-division transfer (UDT) student, you must:

- be in good academic standing at last college or university attended, “good standing” means you are eligible to re-enroll at your last college or university;
- have earned an overall college GPA of a least 2.00; your GPA is calculated using all your transfer units attempted;
- have completed a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter units of transferable coursework;
- have completed 10 lower-division general education courses (30 semester units or 45 quarter units) and four basic skills courses.

THANK YOU for your interest in San Diego State University Imperial Valley. As a transfer student, you understand the importance of earning a bachelor’s degree and SDSU Imperial Valley is committed in helping you earn your degree in two years. As a student-centered university, we will provide you with personalized service along with the tools and guidance necessary to support you in accomplishing your academic goals. This transfer student guide provides detailed information about SDSU’s Imperial Valley admission requirements from a California Community College.

COMPLETING THE 60 SEMESTER (90) QUARTER UNITS

As a prospective transfer student from a California Community College, you may use the following four areas to complete the 60 semester (90) quarter units required for admission.

1. CSU-General Education Breadth coursework - Complete a minimum of 30 semester (45 quarter) units in the following areas:

- Area A – English Language Communication and Critical Thinking
- Area B – Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning
- Area C – Arts and Humanities
- Area D – Social Sciences
- Area E – Lifelong Learning and Self-Development

2. Basic Skills Courses - The Golden Four

Complete the “Golden Four” courses with a grade of C- or better. These

TRANSFER STEPS TO ADMISSION

Step 1: Meet all Admission Requirements:

- 60 Semester Units/90 Quarter Units
- Complete Four Basic Skills Courses
- Minimum 2.00 GPA

Step 2: Apply online at www.calstate.edu/apply. Once admission application has been submitted SDSU Imperial Valley will contact you via mail or electronic correspondence in regards to the supplemental application process.

Step 3: Submit SDSU Supplemental Application and all official transcripts with fall and spring work in progress by Jan. 31 deadline.

Step 4: Retrieve your SDSU Red ID. To obtain your Red ID go to www.sdsu.edu/redid. Next, activate your account through SDSU WebPortal at www.sdsu.edu/webportal. Check email for activation code and login to finalize the account.

Step 5: Check your admission status weekly through the SDSU WebPortal.

courses are part of the CSU General Education Breadth pattern listed above and are fulfilled by completing the following four areas within the CSU General Education Pattern:

- A1: Oral Communication
- A2: Written Communication
- A3: Critical Thinking
- B4: Mathematic/Quantitative Reasoning

3. Major Preparation coursework

It is important that you first select the major that you will pursue. The major selected will require that major specific courses be completed with a grade of C or better for admission to the major.

California Community Colleges require that students who pursue a Certificate, Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree complete specific courses for graduation for those specific certificates or degrees. Some of those courses may **not fulfill** major preparation requirements.

Please visit SDSU TAP website www.sdsu.edu/tap for a list of transferable courses that meet SDSU preparation for the major.

4. CSU-Transferable Electives

Elective courses are those that count toward total transfer units needed for admission but are not used to fulfill lower-division admission, pre-major, general education, or graduation requirements. If you have not chosen a major, taking elective courses in different fields is a good way to explore your career interests and aptitudes. Check your college catalog carefully to be sure these courses are transferable to the CSU for at least elective credit.

APPLY ONLINE AT

- Apply online, plan for college and obtain financial aid information: www.calstate.edu/apply
- Application period: **October 1 – December 15**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Transfer information on course equivalencies and program articulation agreements: www.assist.org
- Apply for financial aid online: www.fafsa.gov
- Manage your Cal Grant or Chafee account(s) online: mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

CONTACTS

- For more information, see the campus directory at: https://ivcampus.sdsu.edu/about/directory_staff
- If you prefer to talk to an outreach and recruitment advisor please call **760-768-5500** to schedule an appointment.



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