



THINK TRANSFER

Saddleback College Transfer Center

"Helping Students Get From Here to There"



TRANSFER CHECKLIST

KNOW WHY YOU ARE TRANSFERRING

- Take an applied psychology course at Saddleback College.**
These courses can help you explore careers, plan your academic schedule, and strengthen study skills, while receiving university credit!
- Visit the Transfer and Career Center.**
You can learn more about your skills, personality, values, and interests leading to a more informed career choice. Transfer and Career Center staff can help you look into volunteering and/or interning to gain a head start on your dream job!
- Consider your long term goals and career choice? Does my choice require a certain major? Do I need a bachelor's degree or higher to enter my career?**

EXPLORE UNIVERSITIES AND MAJORS

- Think geography first.**
Take a campus tour with counselors from the Transfer Center and to explore campuses that interest you.
- Speak to representatives from UC, CSU, and private universities, right here in the Transfer Center.**
Get all your questions answered in an appointment, without having to leave Saddleback College!
- Attend transfer fairs and speak to representatives from multiple universities.**
You may even consider some universities that you have never explored.

- Attend as many workshops as possible:**
Career planning, exploring majors, how to apply to the UCs and CSUs, how to write a personal statement, and many more!
- Use Transfer Center resources such as the internet and college catalogs to better research universities.**
You can look up upper division classes to see which courses to take once you transfer!
- Speak to people from the major department at the university of your choice to get specific questions answered, i.e.,**
How many students receive jobs once they graduate from your department?
- While you are a student, explore what Saddleback College has to offer.**
This will help you excel academically, enjoy your stay, and assist you in the transfer process. You can receive tutoring, join an athletic team, work for the college newspaper, start your own club and so much more!
- Knowing where you want to attend school and what major(s) interest you will help you choose the classes to take at Saddleback College.**
*Completing Math and English should be one of your first goals. Recommended major preparation classes will often help you determine what math classes and general education classes you should select. Early exploration will help you make better selections for your time, money, and success.
Visit www.assist.org*

MEET WITH A COUNSELOR EARLY AND OFTEN

- See a counselor a minimum of twice per year.
Go over your academic history from Saddleback to start a Student Educational Plan. A counselor will cover what is required to transfer successfully including General Education requirements and lower division major preparation.
- Have transcripts from ALL colleges previously attended on file to receive credit from Saddleback.
- If your GPA (grade point average) is not as high as needed discuss ways to bring it up such as repeating courses and academic renewal.
- Discuss your university plans and research incentives or deals that can help you transfer such as a guaranteed transfer option and/or the honors program.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

- Applying is not as hard as it may seem.
If you file your FAFSA early it will ensure a better chance of receiving money for college. Please visit the Financial Aid office at SSC 106 or attend a Financial Aid workshop offered by the Transfer Center.
- By applying early, even if you can afford college now, you will have a better chance of receiving aid at the four-year University!

IT'S TIME TO APPLY!

- Apply on-line and apply early.
*CSU students go to www.csumentor.edu to apply.
UC students go to www.ucop.edu/pathways/ to apply.
Know application filing periods.
Fall admission – [CSU Oct. 1st - Nov. 30th],
[UC Nov. 1st - Nov. 30th.]
Winter/Spring admission - Check with the Transfer Center
Private universities vary, so consult with a counselor as soon as possible.*
- Apply to a minimum of three universities to increase your transfer options.

SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?!

- Once you have applied make sure that you send transcripts whenever your universities request them.
Check your email/mailbox for these requests.
- If you have a guaranteed transfer agreement, make sure to file your application within its specific deadline.
- Make sure that you follow up and send ALL transcripts that are requested to the four-year universities.
- If you are getting your General Education certified, make sure you indicate this when submitting your final Saddleback College transcripts.
- If you plan to get an Associate degree, make sure to apply within the deadline at Admission & Records.
- If your planned class schedule changes after you have submitted the online application, please notify each university immediately to correct the information.
- Once your acceptance letters come in, follow up with any additional requests from the university.
Such as new student orientations and/or seminars.
- Attend Saddleback College's Transfer Celebration (Check with the Transfer Center for the day and time).
To receive recognition in the commencement program bring your 4-year college letter of acceptance to the Transfer Center, SSC 140.
- Remember that whatever university you choose, you will excel because you will always be a Gauchol!

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