

CSU Transfer Planner for Community College Counselors Webinar

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Q&A's Report

Counselor User Access

1. Can we create a test account to explore the student view of the CSU Transfer Planner?

Anyone can create an account on <https://csutransfer.myliasion.com> to view the student experience. To obtain a user acceptance testing (UAT) link for the Transfer Planner, email csutransferplanner@calstate.edu.

2. Who are the two people at the CCC that have access to see enrolled Transfer Success Pathway students? Counseling department chair? Articulation Officer? Transfer Center Coordinator?

It will vary by campus. Each campus VP of Student Services designated two individuals. Email csutransferplanner@calstate.edu if you have a specific campus inquiry.

3. Will we be able to get a list of who the CSU TSP Counselor is at each CSU, so that we know who the point of contact is?

Yes, we will post that information for you on the TSP website www.calstate.edu/transfersuccess.

Catalog Rights and Cal-GETC

1. Will the GE screen change when the new Cal-GETC is implemented?

Yes, the Transfer Planner will be updated to reflect Cal-GETC

2. For students with catalog rights, what GE patterns are planned to be part of TSP starting Fall 2025? Will there be an option for those students who started at the CCC prior to Cal-GETC and have catalog rights?

Any student starting at a CCC in Fall 2025 or later will be placed on the Cal-GETC GE pattern.

3. Is there information on catalog rights in the planner?

There are various tips that show up within the Transfer Planner. We currently do not have any specific information about catalog rights. Thank you for the suggestion.

4. Does Gen Ed progress take Catalog Rights into account? For example, for students who may not need Ethnic Studies.

The transfer planner shows Ethnic Studies. At this point, the majority of students using the Transfer Planner will need Ethnic Studies.

5. What disclaimer information is noted on the planner to ensure students know that these automated tools are helpful but not always accurate in terms of advising around nuances like catalog rights, for example? Where are there referrals to see a community college counselor to check on these types of nuances applying to their situation?

The CSU sends communications to students to seek out their CCC counselors and Transfer Centers. They also have access to email the CSU campus if they have questions.

ASSIST/Articulation

- 1. If a CSU doesn't have an articulation agreement with our CC will the planner still show them their progress?**

Currently, the Transfer Planner will track their General Education progress and show them the ASSIST agreement between your CCC and a CSU. If there is no agreement available, the student should work with their community college counselor and the respective CSU campus they are interested in for further guidance.

- 2. Will you work with CSUs to make sure that the articulations are updated on ASSIST, since that is not the case at this moment?**

Yes. The expectation is that all CSUs will update their ASSIST information.

- 3. If we notice ASSIST articulations missing from the CSU Transfer Planner GE, should we contact csutransferplanner.ed@calstate.edu?**

Yes, you can also contact the CSU campus directly.

Campus Impaction

- 1. For impacted programs at CSU campuses, are the selection criteria noted in the transfer planner?**

Yes, when campuses configure their programs to display in the Transfer Planner, they will add the impaction GPA and any criteria required for admission in the overview of the program. For TSP students this information is outlined in their agreement.

- 2. Is the expectation that impacted CSU's will be updating ASSIST (if they traditionally didn't) moving forward? For example, SJSU has their own impaction websites and they prefer we use those over assist.**

Yes, the expectation is that all CSU will update their ASSIST information.

ADT

- 1. Is there any type of pop up that explains what "similar" or "dissimilar" means to students and how this impacts them?**

There is a dropdown under the Dissimilar/Similar message that gives more detail about what these statuses mean.

- 2. How often is the ADT Similar Programs list updated on the Planner and on the CSU App? Esp now with BusAdmin and Comm having 2.0 versions, it is getting more confusing to track which degrees are deemed similar to specific campuses.**

Both Cal State Apply and the CSU Transfer Planner are updated twice per year with ADT information—specifically September and July.

- 3. Are the ADT similar major messages based on the CSU campuses the students have selected?**

Yes, the message is based on the campus and major the student selects.

- 4. Can students declare multiple ADTs?**

Students can work with their community college to earn multiple ADTs. The transfer planner allows the student to indicate a maximum of 2 ADT's.

Adding General Education Coursework

- 1. Does the planner allow students to enter courses taken before fall 2023 in the future?**
Yes, students can enter in their coursework from previous terms/years.
- 2. When students enter a course, will the planner recognize the CSU GE area?**
Yes, if it corresponds to the respective GE area via ASSIST.org. The student also has the ability to move courses to specific GE areas as they see fit.
- 3. Does the Golden 4 section know when a major at a CSU waives a course? For example: engineering majors at Chico do not need A3.**
No, it does not since a student can be following multiple programs at various CSU campuses.
- 4. Will all the coursework information entered in the CSU planner import into Cal State Apply?**
Currently information entered is not feeding into the Cal State Apply application, but it is on our Transfer Planner roadmap for the future to create an application jumpstart.
- 5. What if students have out of states courses, how does this work with the CSU Transfer Planner? How about the Transfer Success Pathway (TSP)?**
Out of state students can still use the CSU Transfer Planner. They are advised to work with their community college counselor to see which courses meet GE requirements. If a student has out-of-state coursework, they are not eligible for TSP as they need to have been a student who has earned no college coursework following high school graduation.
- 6. For CSU-GE courses that may be applied to multiple GE areas (for example, Humanities OR Social Sciences), will the planner optimize GE placement for these courses based on their overall enrollments?**
Yes, the planner will optimize general education.

Adding Community Colleges

- 1. Can students add multiple colleges?**
Yes, a student can add multiple colleges/universities attended and can indicate what their primary institution is.

Adding Tests

- 1. What if the student does not know the date of the AP exam? CollegeBoard doesn't show this information. Can they just guess?**
Yes, this can be an approximate date. Usually, AP exams are taken in May and provide the respective year.
- 2. Are the AP units adjusted to the units awarded by the CCCs or the standard units awarded by the CSUs?**
They are the standard units awarded by the CSUs.

3. Can test scores entered in the Transfer Planner be imported into the Cal State Apply application?

Future enhancements for Transfer Planner will allow this.

4. Question regarding AP units. Ex. AP stats with a score of 3, student will get 3 CSU GE units. If the student earns the PSY ADT, stats is one of the major courses, then we won't have student take stat. However, our stat is 4 units. Just to confirm CSU will honor the 4 units due to student is able to earn the ADT, correct?

As long as the CSU designates the ADT as similar the GE would be accepted. If the ADT is not similar the student would need to follow the ASSIST agreement.

Adding Programs

1. When will schools/programs be updated for the August 1 application cycle?

Information is updated prior to August. The exact timeframe is largely dependent on when ASSIST publishes the updates for the CSU to have access.

2. Can you filter the type of program? For example, online only?

Not at this time. You can use this website to filter by mode of delivery:

<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/degrees-certificates-credentials/Pages/search-degrees.aspx>

3. When looking at the program information, I noticed an average transfer GPA was provided. Will this planner adjust for local and non-local transfer GPAs?

The GPA shown is based on the coursework entered by the student. It is not reflective of local versus non-local for impacted campuses and programs. Campus can provide information on non-local and local GPA in their other requirements section of their programs on the Transfer Planner.

4. What does TSP eligible closed mean?

It means the programs are not currently eligible for a Transfer Success Pathway (TSP) guaranteed admission agreement, given that the TSP enrollment window is closed.

5. How many programs can students follow in their CSU Transfer Planner?

Students can follow up to 5 programs (majors) in the Transfer Planner. When they apply to the CSU they can apply to as many campuses as they wish but only one program per campus.

6. When looking at the program information via the research section/programs, I noticed an average transfer GPA was provided on the program information (i.e., History GPA at CSUF was a 2.8, GE requirements, etc.) Will this planner adjust for local and non-local transfer GPAs in that program information section to allow for students to prepare for competitive GPA?

Campuses will indicate that in their other requirements section for each program.

7. Will the non-TSP programs update their transfer requirements to allow students to research these programs using the planner? For example, for Cal Poly SLO, many programs (including Computer Science) showing 2.0 GPA required.

We are requesting for CSU campuses to provide as much admission information in their programs to assist students in planning for transfer to their respective institutions.

Badges

- 1. If a course counted as a C2 or D and the system gave a badge for C2 but later took another C2 will the system move the original class to D and show both areas done?**

Courses will be placed in the appropriate GE category according to ASSIST. Students have the ability in Transfer Planner to move and designate coursework into appropriate GE areas well.

- 2. How does one know the Transfer Units Completed is accurate? It seems to include AP units earned, but, unsure if it's 3 units toward GE area or the units earned from qualifying AP score (between 3-6 depending on exam).**

External Exam Credit is based on CSU policy.

<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/External-Exam-Credit.aspx>

Transfer Success Pathway Program (TSP)

- 1. Will TSP show minimum GPA (ex. 2.0 for all CSUs), or will it show actual minimum GPA for the major at each campus such as CPP Architecture requires a 3.3 GPA?**

For the Transfer Success Pathway (TSP) program the student is seeing the admission requirements including the GPA required for the program that they are seeking entrance into and have the agreement with.

- 2. Does freshman status begin with the Fall 2024 term? What if a HS student who graduates in June takes a summer course at the CCC, will they still be eligible for the program?**

For Transfer Planner, students can use the planner now. If you are referring to Transfer Success Pathway Program, students who take summer coursework following high school graduation, are still considered eligible for Transfer Success Pathway Program.

- 3. For the Transfer Success Pathways Program, will students be able to see which programs are available per campus (that they can apply for) before the August 1st application opens?**

We hope to have a website and document that you can refer to which will show which programs are anticipated to be open for TSP.

- 4. For The Transfer Success Pathway Program, do students need to finish all 39 units of GE?**

Students should complete their general education along with all requirements indicated by the CSU that they have their established agreement with.

Miscellaneous Questions

- 1. Like the milestones within the planner, will it inform students how soon they can apply and create a viable transfer timeline?**

In future features of the transfer planner, there will be a transfer timeline that shows if a student indicates how many units they plan to take each semester, what is the earliest term for them to transfer.

- 2. Will CSU Admissions offices be able to contact students who follow their university/program (similar to UC TAP)?**

Yes, campuses will see this information and can contact students.

- 3. Will high school students be able to use the transfer planner?**

Students who are looking to enroll at the CC and those seeking dual enrolled students can use the Transfer Planner.

- 4. Are there or will there be CSU Transfer Planner publications, such as postcards or posters to order?**

Visit <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer> to download PDF of the CSU Transfer Planner brochure. The CSU will send physical brochures to the Transfer Centers at all California Community Colleges.