



SB 1440 – STAR Act

Student Transfer Achievement Reform

Board of Trustee Workshop
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It all began. . .with SB 1440

- AKA: “STAR Act”: Student Transfer Achievement Reform
- CEC §66745-49 (“Ed Code”)
- Goal: Increase CCC transfers with associate degrees
- Increase number of associate degrees awarded
- Reduce units/cost before & after transfer
- Smoother path to transfer to a CSU
- A guarantee at CSU

Ed code §66745-49 says:

- All CCCs must offer associate degrees for transfer (to CSU)
- Degrees include
 - 60 sem./90 qtr. CSU-transferable units
 - Completion of IGETC or CSU GE-Breadth
 - Minimum 18 sem./27 qtr. units in major
 - No additional local requirements allowed

The new law says. . .

- Guaranteed admission to CSU *system* as a junior
- “The California State University shall grant a student **priority admission** to his or her local California State University campus and to a program or major that is similar to his or her community college major or area of emphasis“
 - “similar” major determined by CSU faculty- www.sb1440.org
 - CSU cannot require students to repeat courses similar to those completed at CCC
- AA-T and AS-T students admitted to CSU in a “similar” 120-unit BA/BS program are guaranteed to complete BA/BS in 60 semester units

Overview of AA-T /AS-T Degrees

- Streamline student transition from CCC to CSU
- Earn AA-T or AS-T for completion of CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC and 18 units in major in the TMC-aligned degree
- No other local CCC graduation requirements.
- Enhanced CSU admission opportunities
 - Guaranteed priority admission with junior status to a CSU campus with “similar” major
- After transfer to CSU, guaranteed degree completion within 60 semester units at the CSU
- Lower cost to students and taxpayers
- Access to out of area CSUs
- GPA bump for impacted majors and/or campuses (Note: student may need to be more competitive)

Who are the AA-T/AS-T students?

- This degree can work for anyone targeting a CSU
 - Alternate pathway to major prep as in ASSIST
- Degree works especially well for students who...
 - Want to earn AA/AS and prepare to transfer
 - Are applying to a non-local CSU
 - Are applying to a CSU which has no articulation with your CCC
 - Are applying to a CSU with “similar” major
 - Are applying to impacted CSU (campus or major)
- Now has benefit for UC too
- May also be strong preparation for elsewhere

CSU Minimum Admission Requirements

- And upper division requirement are met by the AA-T/AS-T degrees...
 - Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0
 - 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University.
 - General Education requirements are met by either the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC-CSU) or the CSU GE-Breadth Requirements and includes:
 - 30 units of General Education completed with a grade of “C” or better
 - Golden Four (A3--critical thinking, A1--communication, A2--English composition, and B4--quantitative reasoning w/a minimum grade of “C”)

No need for GE certification when the degree conferral is posted on the “official” transcript.

What's the Guarantee

- A student who completes an Associate's Degree for Transfer (ADT) at a California Community College is guaranteed admission to the California State University
- Students are not guaranteed admission to a particular campus or program
 - To qualify for the guarantee students must:
 - Be conferred an AA-T or AS-T degree
 - Apply for admission to California State University campuses for an open term by the published deadline
 - Submit all requested transcripts and documents by published deadlines,
 - Meet CSU admission eligibility requirements for the program to which they have applied,
 - And comply with any other prescribed admission requirements.

What's the Guarantee?

- AA-T/AS-T graduates admitted to a CSU program that has been deemed similar to the Associate's Degree for Transfer
- Will be able to complete the Baccalaureate Degree in the similar option in the discipline within 60 semester or 90 quarter units
- As long as the student....
 - successfully completes each required course without repeating them.
 - Or supplementing instruction with additional courses for minors or areas of emphasis.
 - Maintains continuous enrollment in the same academic major (approved leave of absence)
- After enrollment at a CSU campus begins, the guarantee is not transferable to another CSU campus.

What about UC?

- SB1440 does not pertain to UC, *but* . . .
- UC has added two eligibility pathways for transfer admission:
 - (1) Completion of a UC Transfer Curriculum (in the major), and
 - (2) Completion of an approved Associate Degree for Transfer (in the major) from a California Community College.

What about UC?

- What does this mean?
- AA-T/AS-T guarantees a Comprehensive Review
- Most AA-T/AS-T applicants will be well-prepared to compete
- When choices are available, students will want to select the most rigorous options as outlined in the UC Transfer Preparation Paths (e.g., IGETC over CSU Breadth)