

Transfer Planning

- I. Students planning to enter a university or four-year college after attending Imperial Valley College should take note of the following suggestions:
 - A. Consult the catalog of the college or university to which they intend to transfer for the following:
 1. Admissions information
 2. Major course requirements
 3. General education or breadth requirements
 - B. Notice the difference between lower and upper division courses required by the school in which the advanced work is to be taken. Important point: Degree credit in the major can be expected only for those community college courses for which there are parallel courses designated as lower division by four year colleges or universities.
 - C. Note: Courses which must be taken in preparation for the major as well as those required for the major.
 - D. Remember that community college courses transfer to four year colleges in terms of specific or elective credit, depending upon the school and major selected. Refer to the ASSIST web site at www.assist.org which is the official California statewide database listing a selection of campus- approved transfer agreements, general education requirements, and information on UC and CSU transferable courses and major preparation. Students are advised to contact an Imperial Valley College counselor for more information, and for details regarding other transfer agreements and options not available on ASSIST for your transfer college choice.
 - E. Note any policies regarding the maximum number of units which may be transferable. A maximum of 70 transferable units completed at the community college level may be applied toward the total number of units required for a bachelor's degree by the University of California or the California State University. Subject credit for transferable courses in excess of 70 units may also be granted to satisfy university graduation requirements. Any courses accepted as equivalent to those offered in lower division by the university completed at the community college, even if beyond the 70 unit maximum, will be applied where needed to meet specific lower division major and/or general education/breadth requirements. Therefore, students are strongly advised to complete all courses designated as required lower division preparation for the major prior to transfer, especially where admission to the major is contingent on completion of specific courses.
- II. Students should also avail themselves of opportunities to meet with representatives of colleges and universities, which are scheduled throughout the year in the Transfer Center.

III. Catalogs and information on how to apply for admission to the California Private/Independent Colleges and Universities, Out-of-State Colleges and Universities, University of California and the California State University are available in the Transfer Center. The Transfer Center maintains catalogs and applications from other institutions as well and will provide assistance in obtaining information and applications.

IV. All students must assume complete responsibility for compliance with regulations and instructions set forth in university or college catalogs for their intended transfer institution, for selecting courses which will permit them to meet their educational objectives, and for satisfying prerequisites for any programs or courses they plan to take for transfer.

Transfer Preparation

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program. More information is available at www.imperial.edu/student/transfer-center.

Transfer Resources:

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and

Majors Search Engine

www.CSUMentor.org – CSU System Information
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html -

UC System Information

www.aiccu.edu – California Independent Colleges and

Universities, Association of

<http://wiche.edu/wue> - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs (institution and major search engine)

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

WUE is the Western Undergraduate Exchange, a program coordinated by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Through WUE, students in Western states may enroll in participating four-year public college programs at a reduced tuition level: up to 150 percent of the institution's regular resident tuition. In all cases, WUE tuition is considerably less than nonresident tuition.

Programs Available: Some institutions have opened their entire curriculum on a space-available or first-come, first served basis. Others offer only designated programs at the discounted WUE rate.

Check out the search feature on the WUE website:

<http://wiche.edu/wue/students#programs>