



Timeline for Transfer Students

First Semester at SCC:

- Get your bearings!** Find out where to get help from the Counseling Department, the Transfer Center, the Career Center, Adult Re-Entry, Financial Aid, etc. Don't be shy – look around and get to know the resources that SCC has **for you**.
- Think about your choice of major and/or career:** Ask friends, family, counselors, and the SCC Career Center for help.
- Attend a Transfer Fair:** Speak with university representatives and collect some brochures to get a feel for what's ahead. Think of it like window shopping – it should be fun and interesting!
- Attend a Transfer Planning Workshop:** Learn details of how to research universities and what to do to transfer to the school of your dreams.
- Meet with a counselor:** Even if you're still not sure what questions to ask, they can help you form a game plan.
 - *Be aware* that while some classes may work as prep for several majors or universities, there is no such thing as a generic plan: The sooner you know what you want to do and where you want to go, the more specific and efficient your college plan can be

Second Semester at SCC:

- Do some research:**
 - Check university web sites for details on majors/programs, student life, housing, etc.
 - Request brochures and have them add you to their mailing or e-mail lists
 - Stop by the Transfer Center to get campus info and review books on how to choose a university.
 - Make appointments with the reps from any universities you're considering
 - Be realistic with yourself: What do you want from your college experience. Would you rather go to a small or large university? Live in an urban or rural area? Live on or off campus? Move away or stay close to home? Attend full- or part-time? There are no rules – the choices are up to you.
- Find some money!** Check with the Financial Aid office to learn how to apply for grants, scholarships, and loans, and what will be available for you when you transfer. Universities are more expensive, but there's a lot of money out there. Find out how to get some of it!
- Meet with your counselor** to get more answers and refine your academic plan.

IT MIGHT ALREADY BE TIME TO START APPLYING TO FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES!

Depending on the progress you've made, you may be ready as soon as the end of your first year. Check with the Transfer Center or your counselor for eligibility and deadlines.

Third Semester at SCC:

- ***It's University Application Time!***
 - Generally speaking, university applications for Fall admission are due about a year in advance, and applications for Spring are due about 6 months in advance. These are rough guidelines only, and primarily apply to CSU and UC schools.
 - Private university deadline vary tremendously, so check with the Transfer Center or directly with the university for details.
 - Read any correspondence from the university and follow instructions carefully. They will tell you how and when to submit transcripts
 - This is the time to look into housing. Many schools have waiting lists or advance deadlines to apply for housing.
- ***Attend Transfer Center Workshops:***
 - Application workshops help with the sometimes long and confusing application process.
 - Essay workshops help with writing the personal statement essays that are so crucial for UC's and many private universities.
- ***Create a College Portfolio:***
 - Organize sections for Admissions, Advising, Financial Aid, etc.
 - Read and save all correspondence from the universities where you apply.
- ***Take some campus tours:*** Before you accept admission to a university, be sure to visit the campus, especially if you're still deciding between a few choices.
- ***Meet with your counselor:*** Fine-tune your academic plan to make sure you're covering all the required courses for the university and your major.

Fourth Semester at SCC:

- ***Carefully review your letter(s) of acceptance and follow all instructions!***
 - Send acknowledgement of acceptance
 - Pay deposits, if required
 - Send updated transcripts or complete online updates
 - Sign up for the university's orientation session (often mandatory)
- ***Update your Financial Aid information:***
 - Include your prospective campus(es) on your FAFSA
 - Gather information on grants and scholarships that are specific to the university and major you will be pursuing.
- ***Gather transcripts and test results:***
 - For CSU's you'll need official transcripts from all colleges you've attended
 - For UC's and some private universities, you'll need official transcripts from your high school(s) plus all colleges attended.
 - If you earned AP credits, get official records from www.collegeboard.com
 - Get extra copies of these records – you may need them later.
- ***Meet with the rep from the university you are planning to attend:***
 - Check for any updates on admissions, majors, programs, etc.
- ***Meet with your counselor again:***
 - Follow up to make sure you'll complete all required courses
 - Submit petition for CSU or UC GE Certification and for graduation from SCC!

Note: This information is a tool to assist your transfer process. It does not replace advising information provided by your SCC Counselor. Timelines will vary from student to student.



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