CAL STATE **APPLY**

Transfer Application Guide 2026-2027

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INTRODUCTION AND PREPARING TO APPLY

About this guide

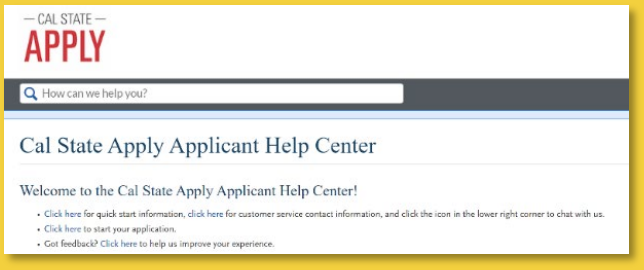
This guide assists transfer applicants through completing most parts of the Cal State Apply application, including: preparing to apply, first steps in your application, completing the Academic History, Supporting Information, and Program Materials quadrants (quadrants 2, 3 and 4), and lastly, submitting your application.

What is Cal State Apply?

Cal State Apply is the Centralized Application System for all 22 universities in the California State University (CSU) system. **You only need to fill out the application ONCE in Cal State Apply, even if you are applying to multiple CSU universities** (Note: each campus you apply to requires a $70 fee).

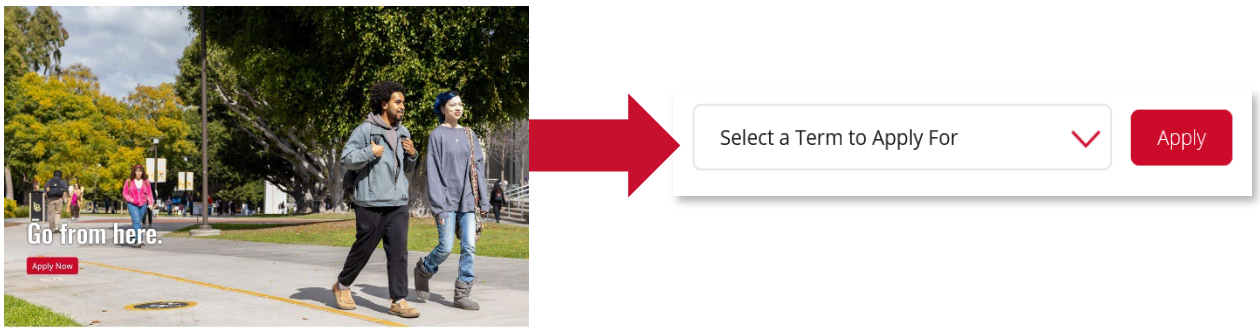
About the Applicant Help Center

Use this guide as a supplement to the instructions provided in the Applicant Help Center. To access the Applicant Help Center, click on your name in the upper-right hand corner of the Cal State Apply application.



How to apply

Visit calstate.edu/apply. Then, click the term you are applying for in the drop-down menu.



One Application. Every Opportunity.

When to fill out the application

Use this chart and the information below to help guide you on application deadlines:

Term	Application Opens	Application Priority Deadline
Fall 2026	October 1, 2025	December 1, 2025
Spring 2027	August 1, 2026	August 31, 2026

Review the Application Dates & Deadlines information on calstate.edu/apply before starting your application to find out which programs are available for each term.

- **Be sure to apply for the correct term.** Do not apply before the "application opens" date listed in the chart above. A submitted application is only considered for the term which you applied.
- **Deadlines vary from campus to campus**, and not all campuses accept applications each term, nor for every program. For details, contact the campus admission office.
- **You may be asked to provide supplemental materials.** Check the campus website(s) for more details and be sure to check your email regularly.

Required information and materials

Be sure to have the following before you begin your application:

- ✓ **Unofficial transcripts:** You'll use these to enter all your completed, in progress and planned courses
- ✓ Your **Social Security number,** if you have one
- ✓ Your **Citizenship Status**
- ✓ **Credit Card or PayPal account**: Application fees are due at time of submission
- ✓ **Annual income:** Your parent's annual income if you are a dependent, your income if you are independent
- ✓ **Campus student ID number:** Required for Associate Degree for Transfer (AD-T) applicants from California Community Colleges (CCC).
- ✓ Information needed to apply to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) [if applying]

FIRST STEPS IN YOUR APPLICATION

Setting up your Cal State Apply account

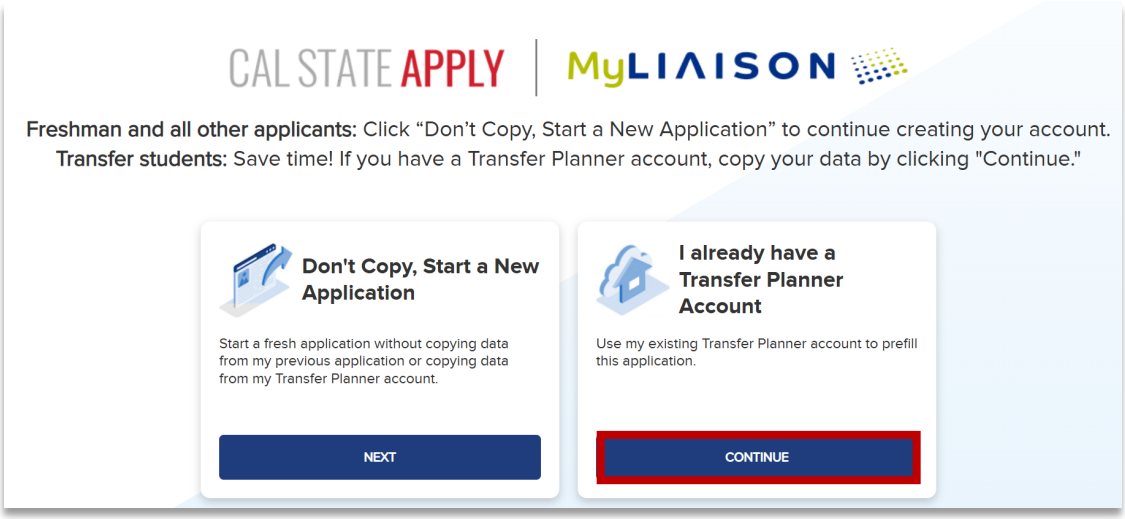
Once you've selected the appropriate term and click "apply" from the Cal State Apply website, you will be taken to the application portal for that term.

TIP: Use a personal email address that you check regularly instead of a school email address. Use one email per person/applicant. Do not used a shared family email address. If you're going to use a shared/family email address, it must be for one individual applicant.

STEP ONE: CREATE AN ACCOUNT

An option will appear to jumpstart your application by linking the Transfer Planner profile to the Cal State Apply application.

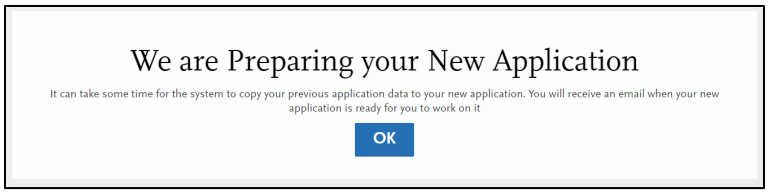
Transfer Applicants: select: If you have a Transfer Planner account and would like to connect the account to Cal State Apply to expedite application completion, select Continue.



Reapplicants

If you submitted or started an application during the previous application year, you are given the option to start a fresh application or copy application data from the previous application into the new application.

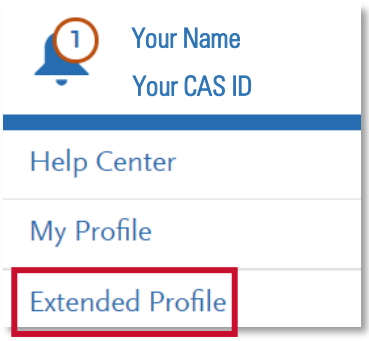
If you select Copy Application Data, you will be prompted to select which sections of the application you wish to copy. Any data you entered previously for those sections will be carried forward and **all information will be editable**. After selecting Continue, the system will copy the previous data and **send an email when the new application is ready.**



Completing your Extended Profile

After creating an account, you will complete the questions on the Extended Profile. Answer the Extended Profile questions carefully. The answers you provide on the Extended Profile determine what question blocks (tiles) appear on the application and what programs (majors) are available for you to choose.

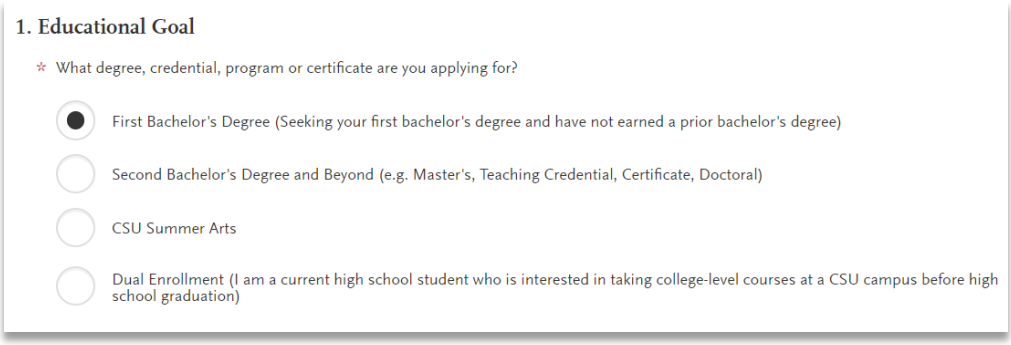
Come back to your questions on the Extended Profile any time to make corrections by clicking your name on the top right-hand corner.



Educational Goal

All transfer applicants should select **First Bachelor's Degree**.

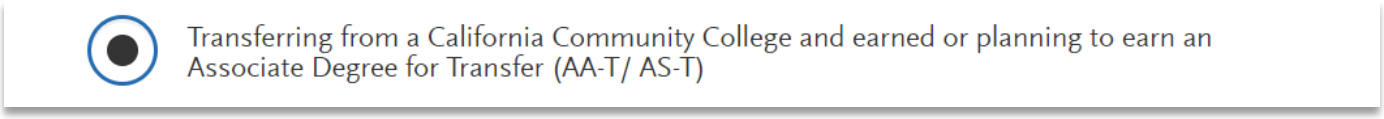
Then, select **One of the two transfer options** for your educational status. See below for detailed instructions.



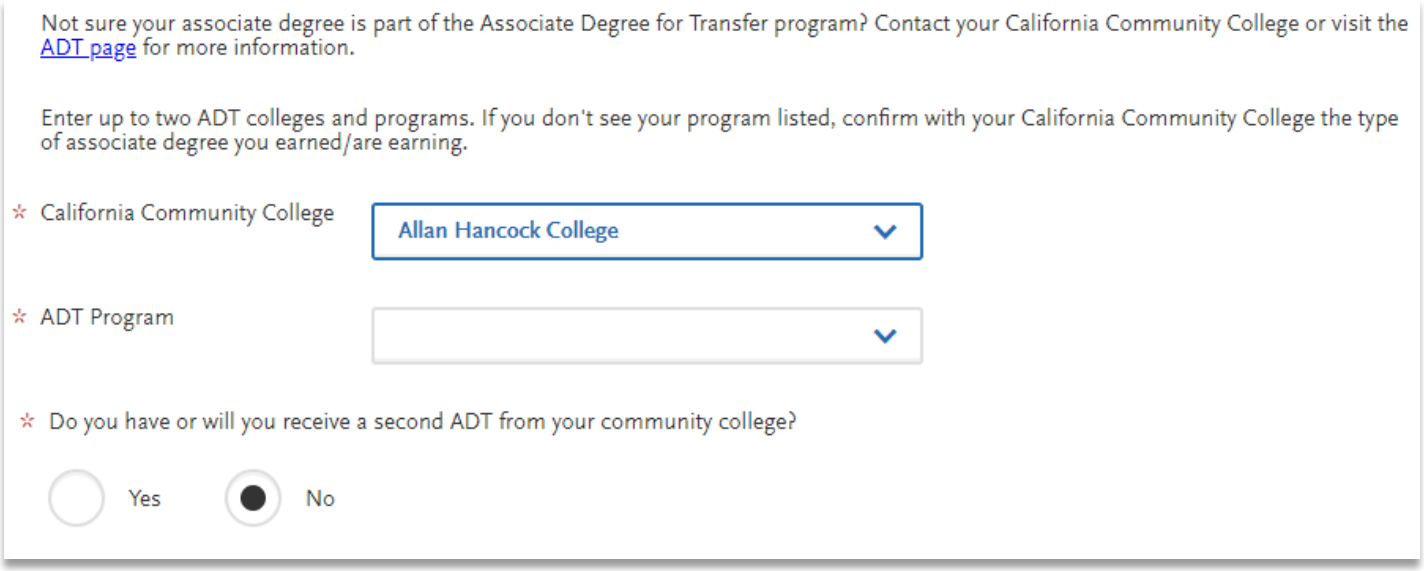
Educational Status

Use the information below to accurately answer "what is your current educational status?"

Associate Degree for Transfer (AD-T) means you have earned or will earn an approved Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T). This is not a standard AA or AS degree. If you have earned or are earning a standard AA or AS degree, follow the instructions below to identify yourself as an Upper Division Transfer applicant. **AD-T applicants should select the following:**



Then select the California Community College and the specific ADT program from the listing.



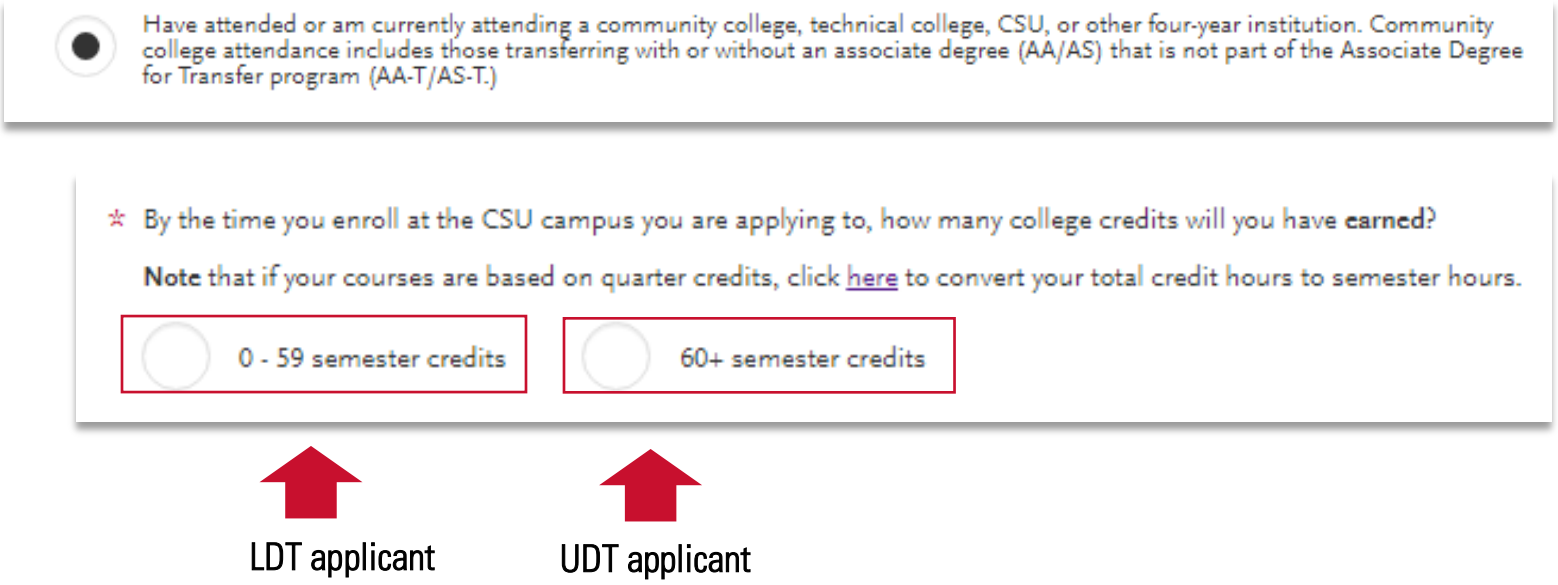
If your Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) program is missing from the ADT Program list, confirm you are earning or earned an AA-T or AS-T degree and not a standard AA or AS degree.

Not sure your associate degree is part of the Associate Degree for Transfer program? Contact your California Community College or visit the ADT page for more information.

Upper Division Transfer (UDT) applicants have completed 60 or more semester credits (equivalent to Junior or higher), and Lower Division (LDT) applicants have completed *less* than the 60 credits.

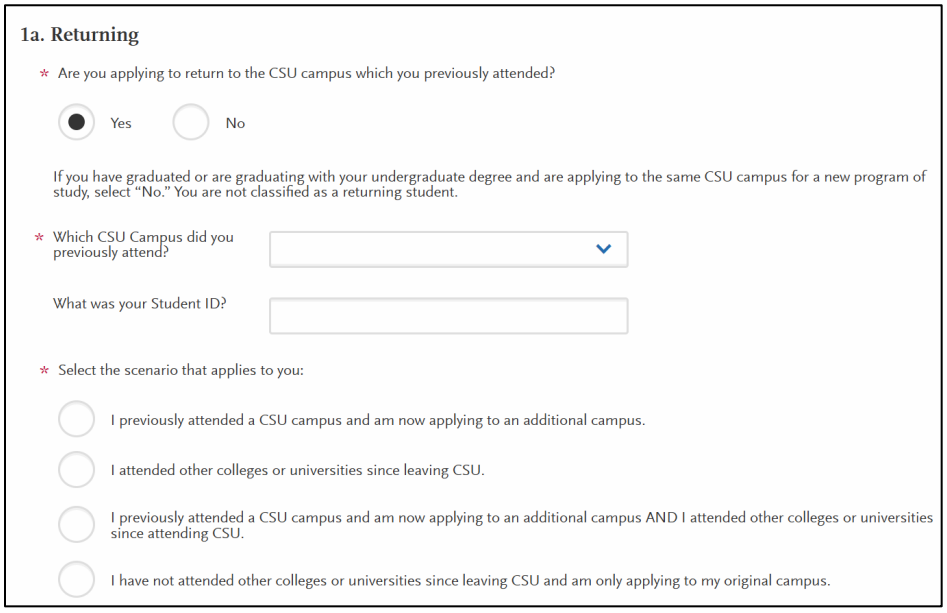
Credit/hour totals that determine UDT and LDT status are based on how many *transferable college credits* you *will have earned by the time you enroll at the CSU campus* you are applying to.

For example, you are applying for Fall 2026. If, by the start of the Fall 2026 term, you have earned greater than to or equal to 60+ semester hours/credits or 90 quarter hours/credits, you are an Upper Division applicant. If less, you are a Lower Division applicant.



Returning Students

A returning student is someone who previously attended a CSU campus, left without completing the program, and is now applying to return to the **same** campus they had previously attended to complete the same program. The next page provides a table that can help you determine if you are a returning student.



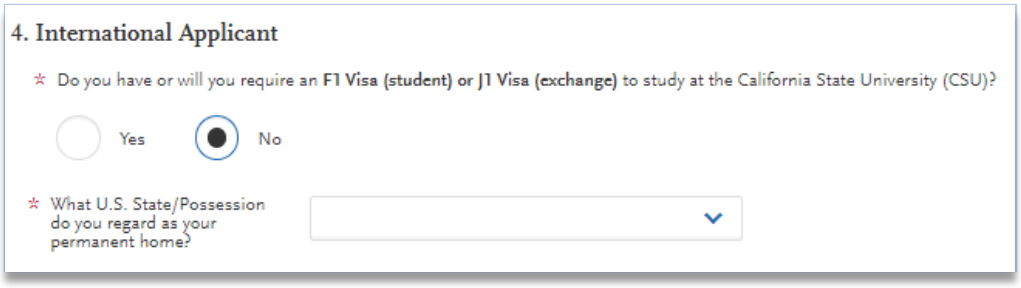
Select the scenario that applies to you	Example
I previously attended a CSU campus and am now applying to an additional campus.	You attended a CSU, stopped attending before completing your program, and are applying back to your original CSU AND a new CSU EX: You previously attended CSU Long Beach, stopped attending, and are applying to return to CSU Long Beach and additionally apply to CSU LA.
I attended other colleges or universities since leaving CSU.	You attended a CSU, stopped attending before completing your program, and attended a different college or university EX: You attended CSU Bakersfield, stopped attending, and started attending Bakersfield Community College instead
I previously attended a CSU campus and am now applying to an additional campus AND I attended other colleges or universities since attending CSU.	You attended a CSU, stopped attending before completing your program, attended a new college/university, and are applying back to both your original CSU AND a new CSU EX: You attended San Diego State, stopped attending, attended Cuesta College instead. You are now applying back to San Diego State and additionally applying to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
I have not attended other colleges or universities since leaving CSU and am only applying to my original campus.	You attended a CSU, stopped attending before completing your program, have not attended anywhere since you left, and are planning to return to the same campus. EX: You attended CSU Fullerton in the Business Administration program, stopped attending, and are applying to return to CSU Fullerton

US Military Status

If you have US military experience, select your anticipated status at the time of enrollment from the drop-down. Select **No, I have not served in the US military** if this does not apply.

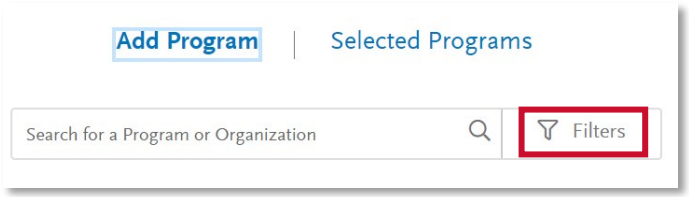
International Applicant

If you have or will require an F1 Visa (student) or J1 Visa (exchange) to study at the CSU as an international student, select Yes. U.S citizens, permanent residents, visa holders and undocumented individuals should select No. Applicants who answer No will be prompted to select the U.S. state of their permanent home.



Adding Programs

After you complete your Extended Profile, you will be taken to the **Add Program** page where you can select the specific program(s) you will apply to.



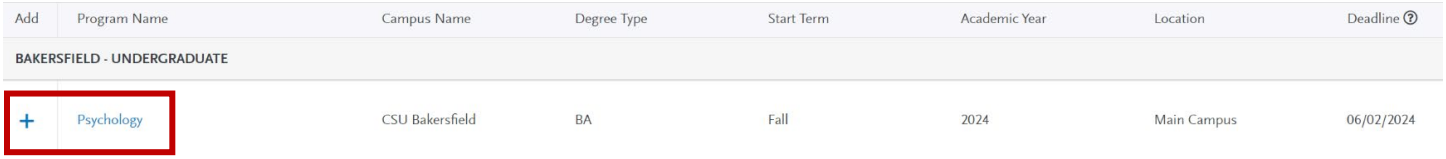
Finding a program

You can begin by typing in a campus name or a program (major) in the search box. You can also use the filters to narrow down your search quickly.

TIP: Check the entire name of the campus and program carefully before proceeding with your application.

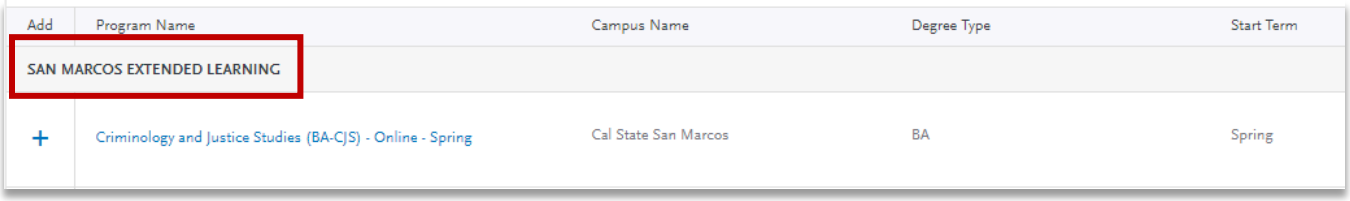
Selecting a program

Once you find a program you wish to apply to click the plus sign to the far left of the program name. This will add it to your application.



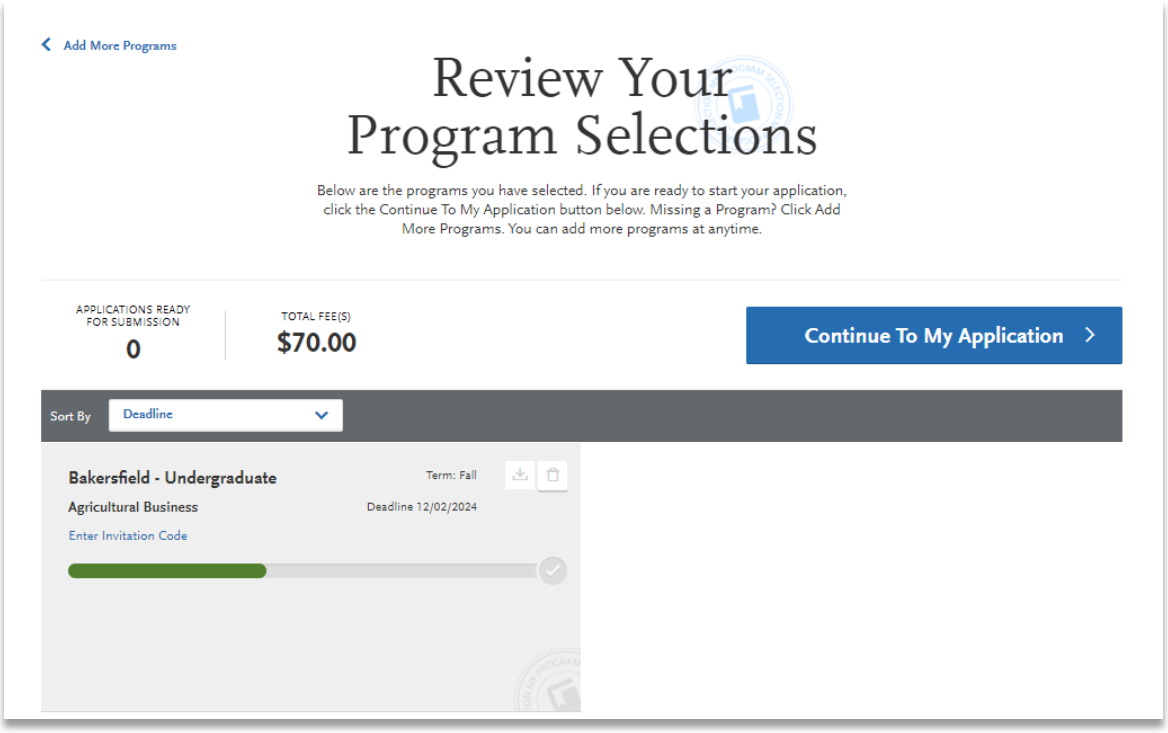
You can apply to as many campuses as you wish, each with a $70 application fee, but you can only apply to one program per campus. Once you are done making your selection(s), click Continue. **Note that some campuses will require that you select an alternate major.**

Programs offered through a campus' *Extended Learning Office* are self-support programs with their own tuition, fee, registration, and financial aid structures. For this reason, programs offered through the Extended Learning Office *may* not qualify for some state or federal financial aid. Students who choose to enroll in a self-support program may not switch between self-support and state-funded degree programs offered on this campus.



Reviewing your program selection(s)

Before moving on, review your program selections. This page shows you all programs you are applying to, the status of the application, and total fees due at submission. You will review this information again later on the **Submit Application** tab to ensure you are ready to submit.

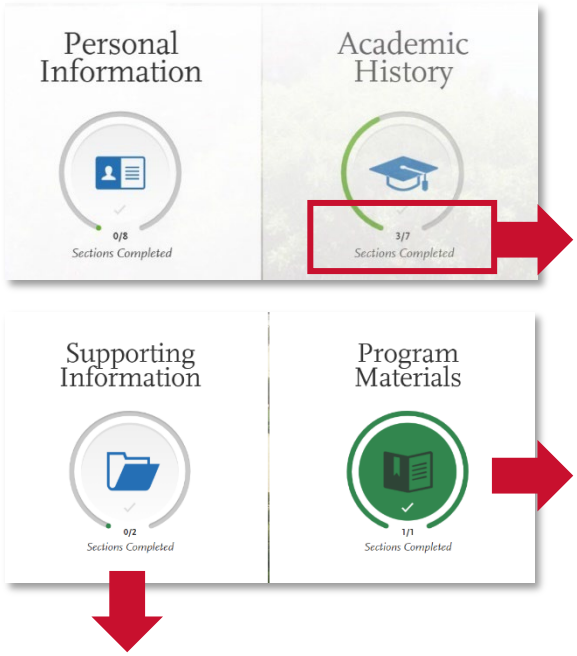


How the information you enter is used

The CSU uses self-reported coursework to calculate overall GPA and to determine admission eligibility. To ensure the best possible consideration for your admission, please be sure to report all completed coursework. Failure to do so may affect your eligibility and could result in a denial of your application.

Overview: the four parts (quadrants) of your application

Click the My Application tab to complete the rest of your application. You must complete all sections for a quadrant to show as complete. All quadrants must be complete to submit your application



This shows your progress towards completing all the required information for this quadrant.

***Don't skip the Program Materials section.** Even if it appears complete, be sure to click and read the Program Materials quadrant as there is usually important information about the program(s) you are applying to in this section.

The **Supporting Information** section is where you report EOP&S participation and access the CSU's Educational Opportunity Program application. If you are an ADT applicant, you will verify your ADT degree information here. If you are a returning student, you will answer questions regarding the campus you previously attended.

HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED

My High Schools

Add **up to** five (5) high schools attended, from grades 9-12. Add each high school you attended individually. Do not add middle school, nor colleges attended in this section.

If you attended **more** than five (5) high schools:

- List the schools where you have completed *most* of your courses.
- After submitting your application, you must contact each campus to which you've applied to provide additional information regarding the additional high schools attended.

If you have completed high school/secondary school **outside** of the United States:

- Enter the name, location and dates of attendance. In the next section (Academic Information) you will be asked to complete additional information.

Steps to add your high school(s) to the application

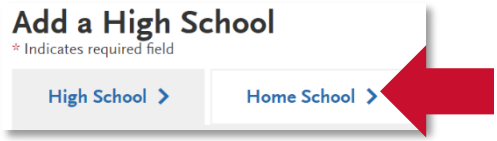
STEP 1 – Click Add a High School.

Not seeing your high school on the list? Try entering any abbreviations of your school's name, attempt a second word in your school's name or contact your high school for the CEEB code and follow instructions listed above. If the name of the school still does not appear, you may manually enter the name.

STEP 2 – To narrow your search, enter Country. Enter either State, city, zip code, or CEEB code. Not sure where to find the CEEB code? Use College Board's CEEB code lookup.

STEP 3 – In the search box, begin to enter your high school's name. Click on the appropriate school as it appears.

STEP 4 – If you attended a home school, click on the Home School tab. Manually enter the name of your home school, associated school or organization.



STEP 5 – Enter the dates you attended the school. Incorrect attendance dates will prevent you from entering coursework on the High School Coursework part of the application.

STEP 6 – Select your high school's term type. Use **the term type guide** to determine your high school's term type.

Term Type Guide

How many grades does your high school give you per course each academic year?

1 grade given = Full year term type
2 grades given = Semester term type
3 grades given = Trimester term type
4 grades given = Quarter term type

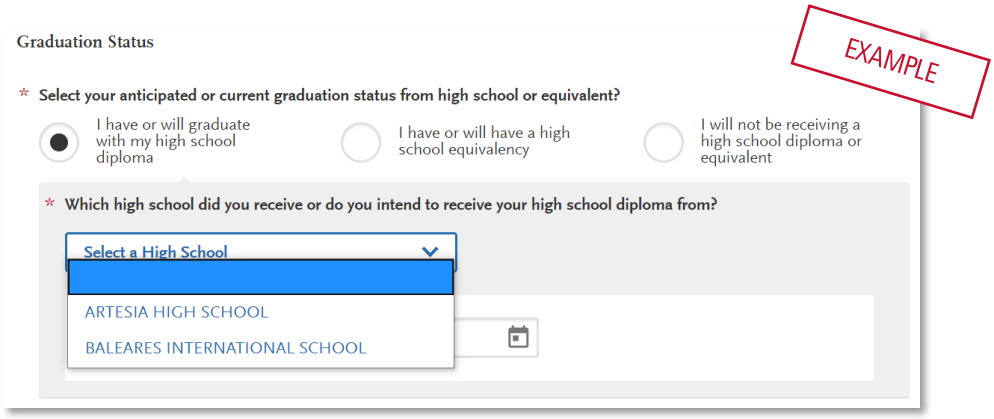
Lower Division Transfer Applicants

Lower division transfer (LDT) applicants must enter all high schools attended and complete the High School Coursework and A-G Matching tiles in the Academic History quadrant. These two tiles only show on the application for lower division transfers. For information regarding lower division transfer admission requirements see the Cal State Apply website and the Freshman Application Guide for instructions on how to enter high school courses and complete the A-G Matching section.

Graduation Status

If you have received or expect to receive a **high school diploma or high school equivalency (e.g. GED, HiSET, or TASC)**, select that option. Then, select the school granting you the diploma. Enter the date you received or expect to receive the diploma or equivalency.

If you have not and **do not** expect to earn a high school diploma or high school equivalency, please select that option.



Upper Division Transfer applicants without high school completion

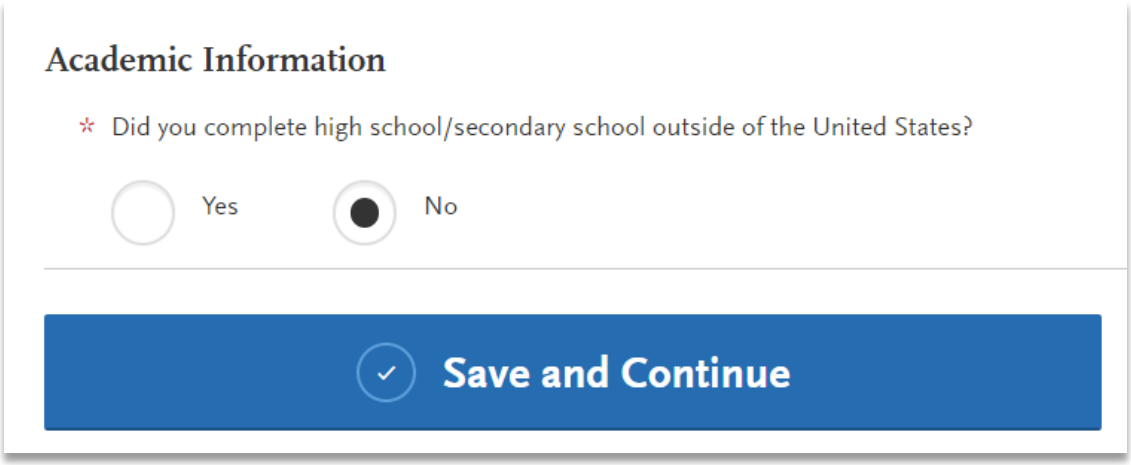
Upper division transfer applicants (transfers with 60 or more semester college credits) are not required to have a high school diploma or equivalent. If you are an upper division transfer applicant that attended a high school but did not graduate, enter the high school and dates of attendance. Then select "I will not be receiving a high school diploma or equivalent".

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Information

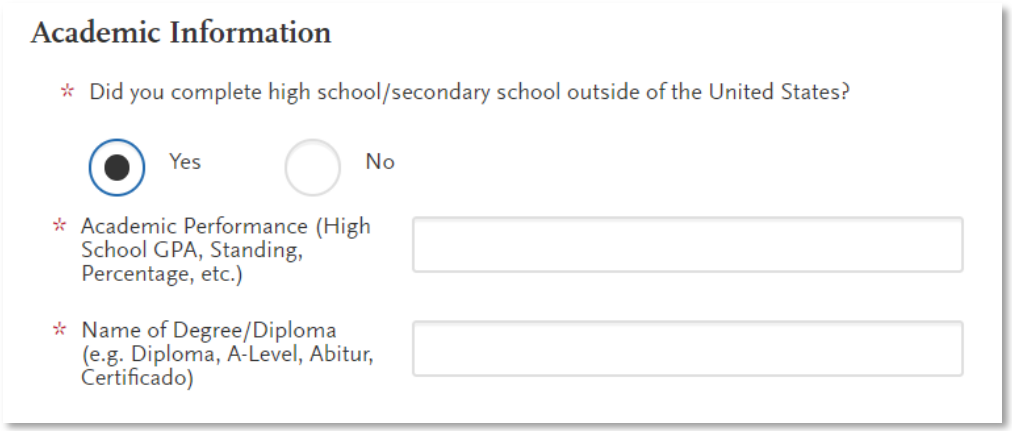
If you **have not** completed high school or secondary school outside of the United States:

- Select No
- You are complete with this section and may move onto the next section of the application



If you **have** completed high school or secondary school outside the United States:

- Select yes
- List your Academic Performance*
- List the name of Degree/Diploma (e.g. Diploma, A-Level, Abitur, Certificado)



*Academic performance on a transcript outside of the United States typically includes grades or marks, GPA equivalents, and sometimes narrative evaluations, such as "90/100 (A)" or "First Class," reflecting a student's achievements and progress in their courses.

COLLEGES ATTENDED

What to include for Colleges Attended

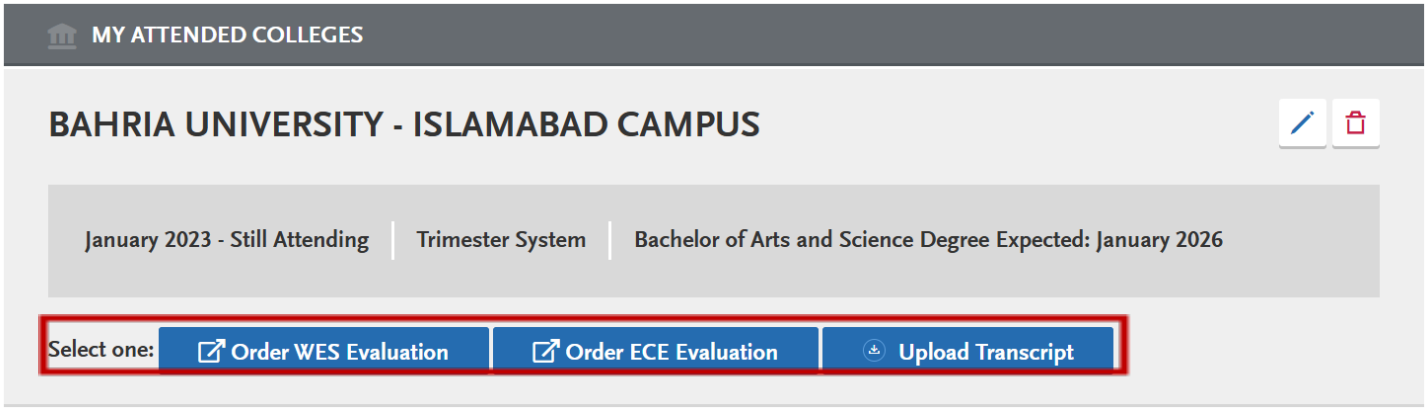
In this section you will add all colleges/universities attended.

- For each college/university entered include any degrees awarded or will be awarded.
- Report all colleges attended regardless of their relevance to the programs you are applying to.
- Report each college only once, regardless of the number of degrees earned or gaps in dates of attendance.
- Include international post-secondary colleges and U.S. colleges you attended regardless of accreditation status.

For college credit outside the United States/Canada

If you attended or are attending an institution outside the United States/Canada, you can upload an unofficial copy of your transcript. This is **not** required but *may* help to expedite the processing of your application.

Applicants who have an official WES or ECE evaluation will have the option to connect their WES or ECE account to Cal State Apply so your official evaluation can be provided securely through the application for CSU campuses to download. This is **not** required but *may* expedite the processing of your application.



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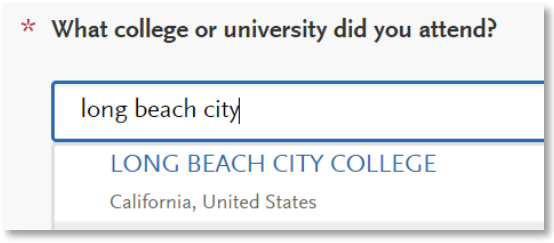


Follow these steps for each college/university you've attended or are currently attending.

STEP ONE – Select Add a College or University.

STEP TWO – Type in the name of the college/university.

Begin typing the full institution name. The system will display results that match the information. Select the correct matching institution. Additional matches may be further down the list. Scroll down to see potential matches.

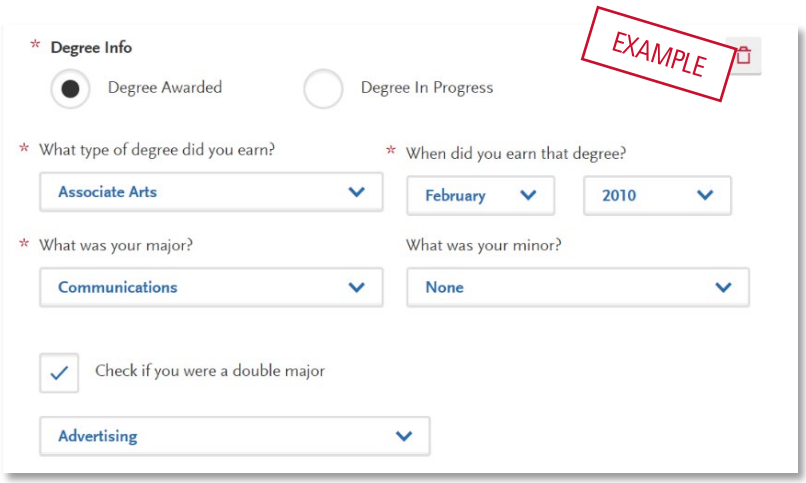
Can't find your college/university?

The lookup table includes all domestic and international institutions with a College Board CEEB code. If you are unable to find your institution, verify the name is entered without abbreviations and matches the official name on your transcript. If the institution is still not found, select **"Can't find your school"** and complete the additional information requested.

Degree information

Select whether you are planning to obtain a degree.

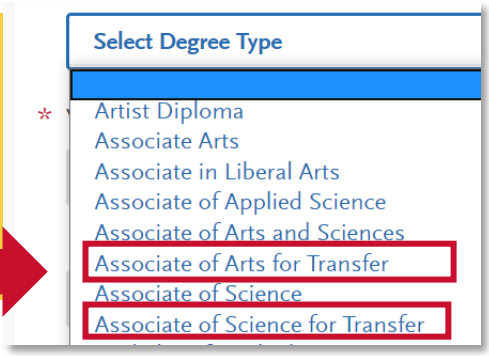
Identify whether or not you completed **(Degree Awarded)** or will complete **(Degree In Progress)** an associate degree or other degree(s) prior to transfer. If yes, you will be asked to provide details on the type of degree, date earned/will earn, your major, minor, and whether you had a double major.



If you are a returning student, you are currently not enrolled at the CSU campus you previously attended, therefore select **"No"** you are not planning to obtain a degree from this college or university.

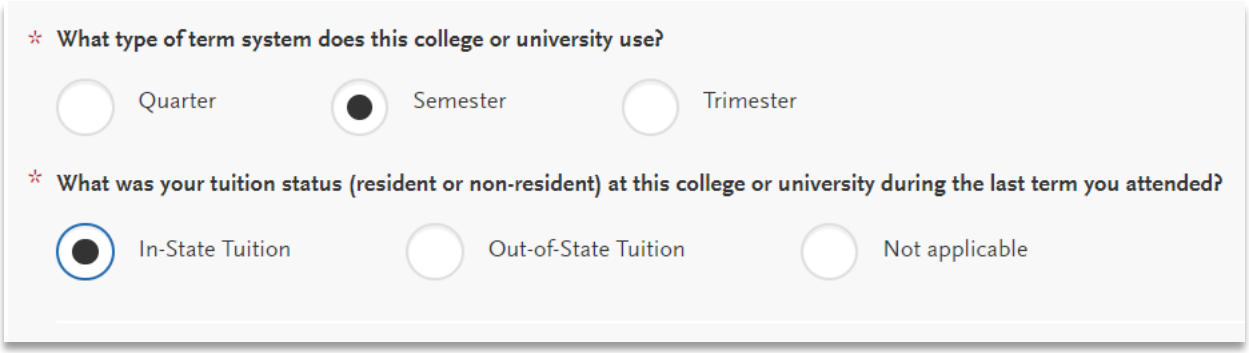
If you do not see your major or minor listed, select a related major or one of the **"Other"** options at the bottom of the list.

TIP: If you identified yourself as an Associate Degree for Transfer (AD-T) student in the Extended Profile questions on your application, then select the appropriate degree from the list here – either an Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or an Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T). You should not select these options if you have not completed or will not complete an approved Associate Degree for Transfer (AD-T).

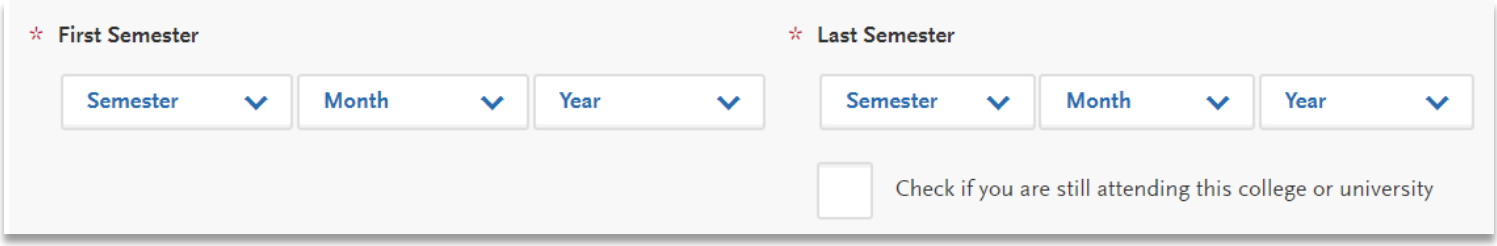


Term Type and Tuition Status

Select the type of term the college/university used while you attended. Refer to your college transcript term headers or transcript legend for assistance with identifying the term type.



Designate the tuition status during the last term attended and then provide dates of attendance, selecting the term, month, and year that you first attended and your last attended. **If you are still attending, check the box "Check if you are still attending this college of university" under the Last Term drop downs.**



COLLEGE COURSEWORK

What to include in College Coursework

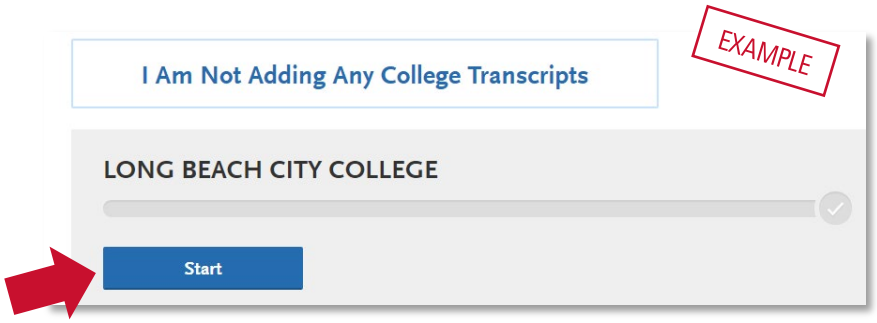
Complete the College Coursework section by entering all college courses you've taken, have planned, or have in progress. This includes non-transferable courses and repeated courses. College Coursework for foreign institutions is not required.

Tips for determining course transferability

- Generally, most courses from other CSUs, UCs, and private universities are CSU transferable.
- California Community College students can use ASSIST.org to view CSU transferability.
- The course numbering system on the back of the transcript or in course catalog often indicates college level, bachelor degree-applicable courses.

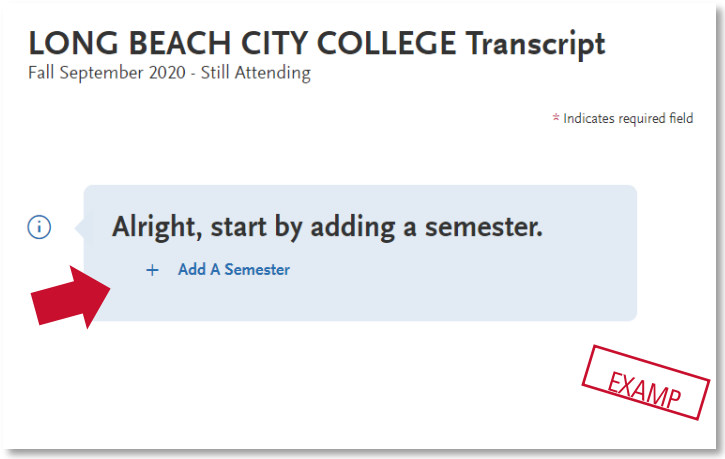
Adding college coursework

You will see each college/university you entered into the Colleges Attended section. Under the college/university name, you will have a progress bar and a Start button. Hit the **Start** button to begin entering courses for that college/university.



Adding a term

You will enter your courses by term. Start by adding your first term. Depending on the term type you selected in Colleges Attended, it will prompt you to add a semester, trimester, or quarter (example shows "add a semester")



Adding Term, Year and Academic Status

Add a term, year, academic status and completion status. Click SAVE once done.

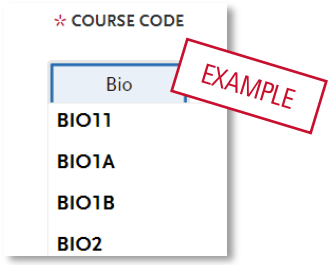
- Term and Year: The options that appear are based on information you entered in the Colleges Attended section. If you are still attending the college/university, future years display to allow entry of in-progress and planned courses, If the year is missing you can go back to Colleges Attended to update the dates of attended for the college/university.
- **Reapplicants:** Double check your courses! Any courses previously reported as in progress and carried over during the reapplication process should be updated to complete and include a grade.

Enter a course

Enter course information for the term line by line, following the sequence of your transcript copy.

STEP ONE – Click Add a Course to add courses for that term.

STEP TWO – Enter the course code.

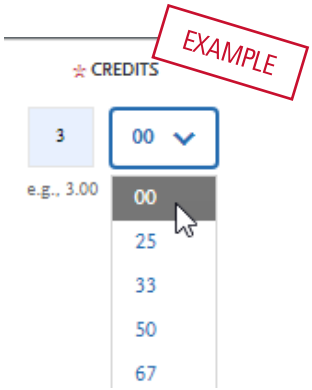


- Prefixes (subject) and course numbers must match what appears on your official transcript. **Do not enter any space between the subject and the number (e.g., enter "BIO2," not "BIO 2")**
- Some courses may populate from a drop-down selection box that appears as you type the course (see example). These are preloaded courses from ASSIST.
- If your course does not appear on the drop-down list automatically, manually enter the course subject and number exactly at it is listed on your transcript.

TIP: Use your transcripts to enter your college coursework. Coursework must match your transcripts. List your courses under the correct term and year.

STEP THREE – Enter the **course title**.

- Course title and course credits will prepopulate if selected from the Course Code results list (previous step).
- If you manually entered a Course Code, you must also manually enter the Course Title.
- This box allows you to enter the full title even though only part of the title is visible on the screen.

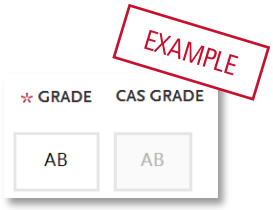


STEP FOUR – Enter the **course credits** exactly as they appear on your transcript.

- Enter the first digit, and then use the pulldown to select the decimal value.
- If credits automatically populate from Course Code entry earlier, double-check that the values match what is listed on your transcript. You may need to adjust credit amounts for variable credit courses.

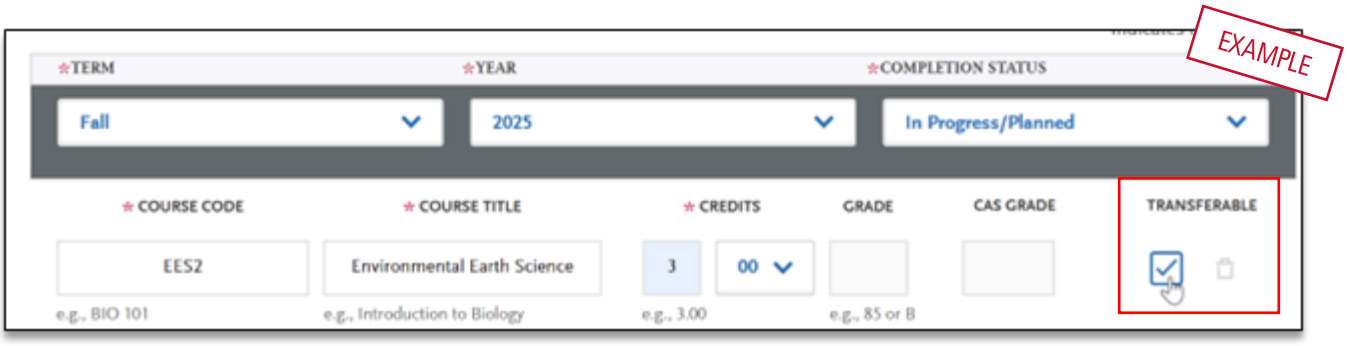
STEP FIVE – Enter the **grade** exactly as it appears on your transcript, including any pluses or minuses. All attempts and grades should be included.

- If you completed a course with Pass/No Pass grading and passed the course, enter a grade of "P."
- If you completed a course with Credit/No credit grading and earned credit for the course, enter a grade of "CR."
- EW grades should be entered as "EW" per the transcript.
- If your grades are listed as "BA," "CB," or "DC," you must list them as "AB," "BC," and "CD" in order for the system to recognize them (higher grade first).



- If your grades are listed as numbers (e.g., 93), enter them exactly as they appear on your transcript. They will automatically convert to the equivalent letter grade.
- If you have repeated courses or have Academic Renewal courses to report, see this section of the guide for details.
- The CAS Grade populates automatically. This allows us to standardize your coursework for all programs and cannot be edited.

STEP SIX – **Click the checkbox if the course is CSU transferable. Generally, most courses from other CSUs, UCs, and private universities are CSU transferable**. Mark the transferable box for these courses even if you are unsure. This box is defaulted to be unchecked so you must check the box to note the course is transferable.

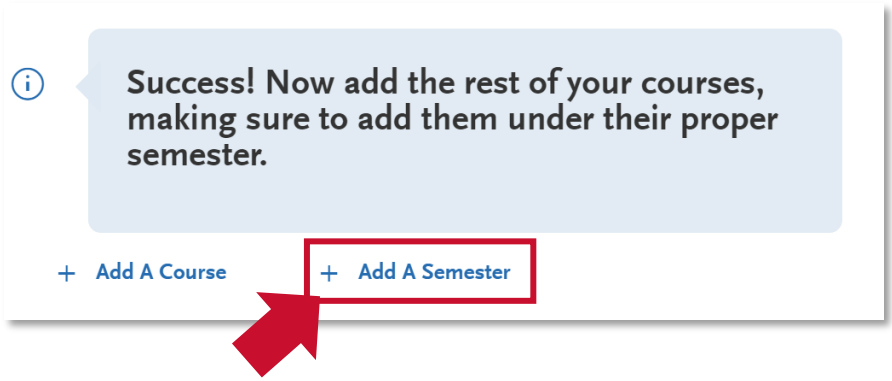


Click **Add a Course** and follow steps above.

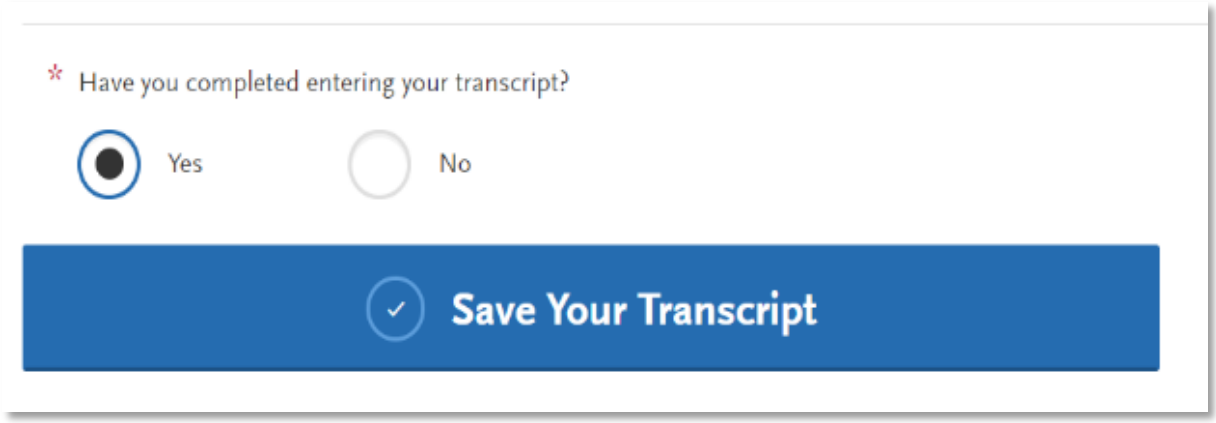
Add additional terms/semesters

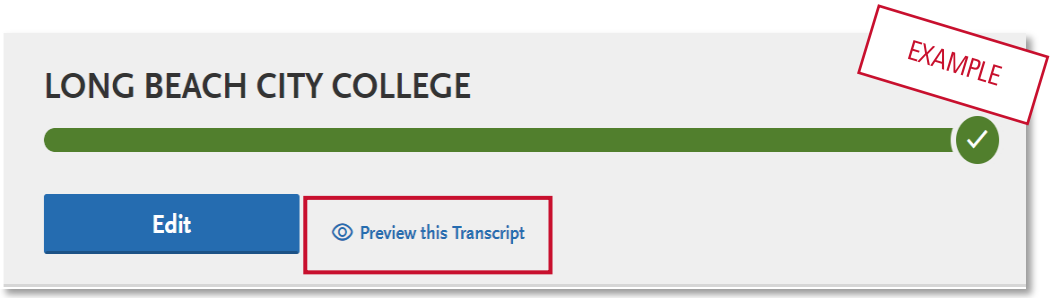
Select "Add A Semester" to add courses for another term. Repeat steps until all terms have been entered.

For terms that are in progress or planned, select In Progress/Planned in the drop-down box in Completion Status field. **Grades are not required for in progress or planned terms.**



STEP SEVEN - Save your transcript. **Once coursework entry is completed for all reported colleges,** select Yes confirming you have completed entry and then click **Save Your Transcript**. If you decide to go back and edit coursework entry after saving, be sure to select Save Your Transcript again.
You can preview what you submitted by clicking "Preview this Transcript."





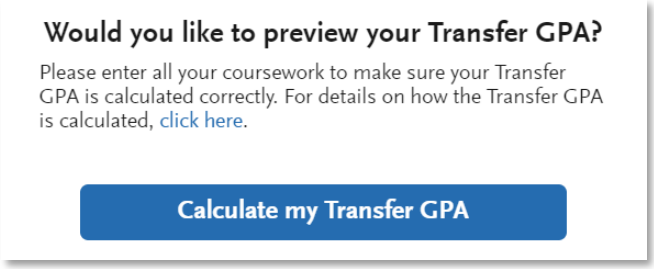
College Coursework entry reminders

Once coursework entry is completed for all reported colleges, double check your information by visiting the main page of the **College Coursework** section (click "College Coursework" on the left). Make sure you've reported everything accurately.

- Compare the information to your transcript. Make sure to enter ALL courses with correct unit and grade values. This includes non-transferable courses, withdrawals and repeats.
- Verify the Transferable box selection for all transferable courses, regardless of grade entered.

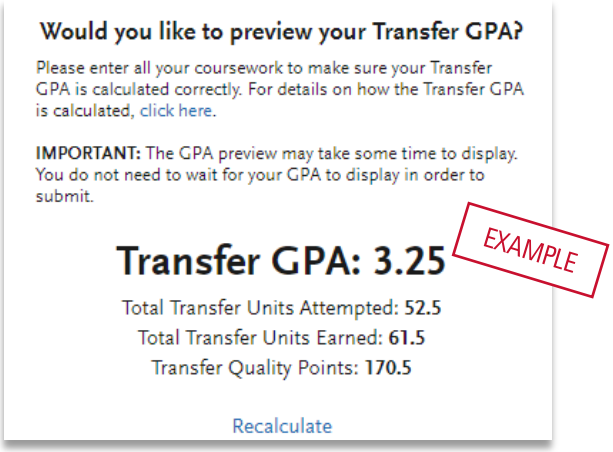
Checking your transfer GPA

Once all coursework has been entered you can preview your Transfer GPA by selecting **Calculate my Transfer GPA** at the top right of the main College Coursework page. If you add additional courses, you can recalculate.



Total Transfer Units Earned includes:

- completed courses with a passing grade;
- courses that are planned or in progress;
- self-reported AP, CLEP, IB standardized tests that are eligible for transfer credit.



For more information on how the Transfer GPA is calculated, visit the Applicant Help Center.

Adding college coursework for returning students

Returning Students (original CSU, no other colleges)

If you are returning to the same CSU that you last attended and have not taken any college courses at another institution, you will not be required to report Academic History. The Standardized Tests section is optional.

Returning Students (original CSU and additional CSU, and attended other colleges)

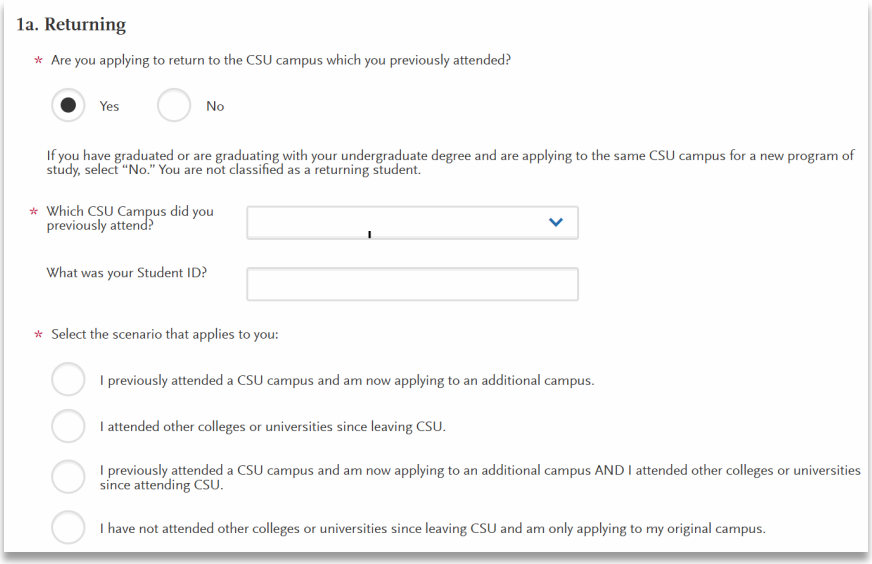
If you are applying to return to the same CSU that you last attended AND applying to an additional campus as a new applicant AND have attended other colleges since leaving the CSU, you must report all courses completed at all colleges attended in the Academic History section.

Returning Students (attended other colleges since leaving CSU)

If you are returning to the same CSU that you last attended and you have taken courses at another institution since leaving the CSU, only enter the new coursework you've completed or have in progress since you last attended the CSU.

Returning Students (original CSU and additional CSU)

If you are applying to return to the same CSU that you last attended AND applying to an additional campus as a new applicant, you must report all courses completed at all colleges attended in the Academic History section.



Repeats and Academic Renewal

For admission purposes, the CSU honors "the grading policies of the institution where credit was earned by accepting official transcript entries including those reflecting academic renewal, repeat, and incomplete grades" (CSU Admission Handbook).

How to enter grades for repeats and academic renewal

Repeats: If transcript identifies the course as repeated and excludes the course from the college/institution GPA, enter a grade of "RP." If the repeated course is currently in progress, the original grade is reported and the repeat attempt is reported as in progress.

Academic Renewal: If your college offers academic renewal, use a grade of AR for courses noted as such on the transcript.

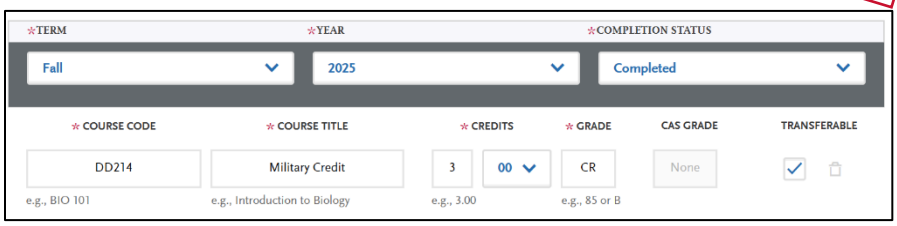
Credit for Prior Learning

If the college(s) you are attending have awarded credit for prior learning, enter the course information exactly as it appears on your transcript in the **College Coursework** section.

Military Credit

Applicants with military service may upload copies of the Joint Services Transcript in the Documents area of the application (Supporting Information section).

If the community college applied your military credit to ensure you met the 60-credit minimum requirement for transfer and/or associate degree credits, those may be entered as one course as seen in the example to the right.



Credit awarded for military service and training is otherwise not entered under College Coursework. Campuses will review the uploaded documentation and request official copies later in the admission process if needed.

NOTE: *Per Executive Order 1036, each campus shall determine the extent to which units earned for education, training and service provided by the Armed Forces of the United States shall be applied as major, general education, or elective credit according to campus procedures.*

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Reporting standardized tests

In this section, you can self-report your standardized test scores or self-report tests you plan to take, such as **SAT, ACT, AP, IB and CLEP exams.**

ACT and SAT test scores will not be used for any admission purposes and applicants are not required to submit these scores. If you have taken the ACT or SAT and have already sent your scores to a CSU campus, you can add your information into Standardized Tests. If this is the case, we encourage you to include your College Board or ACT ID number.

How to complete the standardized test section

To add a test score or planned test:

STEP ONE – Click **Add Test Score** under the related test name

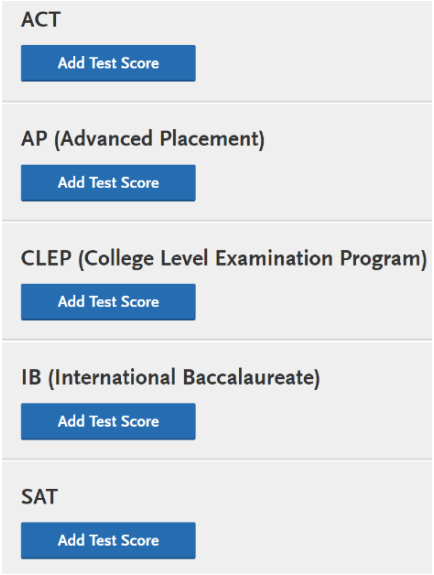
- If applicable, select the test subject

STEP TWO – Respond to "Have you taken the test?

- If the test is planned, select NO.
    - Enter the date you plan to take the test.
- If the test was taken, select YES.
    - Add the Test ID
    - Add the date you took the test
    - Add the test score

STEP THREE – Click **Save this Test**

- Have another test report? Click **Save and Add Another**



No tests to report? If you have not taken any standardized tests and do not have any planned, click **I Am Not Adding Any Standardized Tests.**

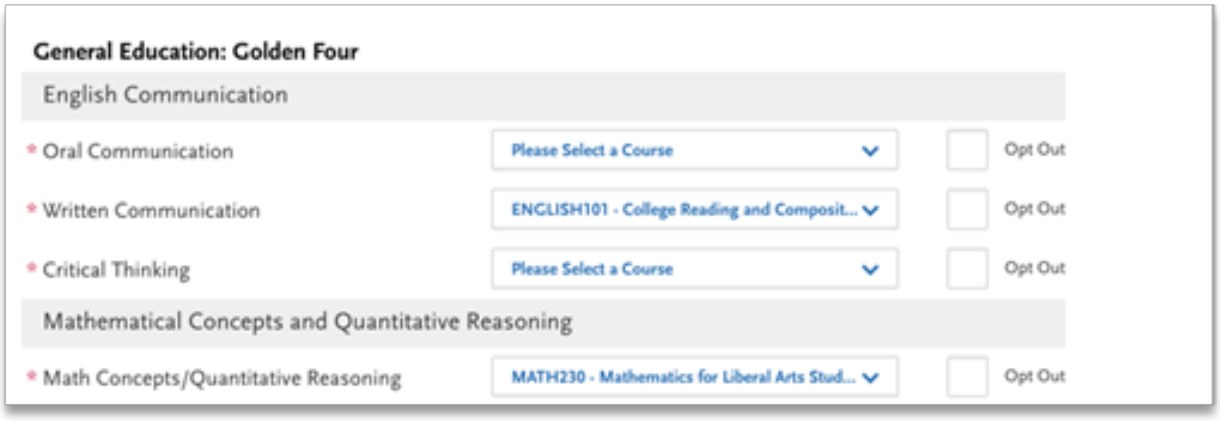
Standardized Test Credit for CSU GE

Passing standardized tests scores which meet GE areas should pre-populate for approved GE categories based on the data listed on the External Exam Credit page. For more information, refer to the General Education section of this guide.

GENERAL EDUCATION

Matching your courses to CSU GE

The drop-down menu allows you to select from the courses and standardized tests you entered previously in the College Coursework section.



Courses from California Community Colleges should prepopulate for approved GE categories based on ASSIST.org data. If they do not prepopulate, use ASSIST.org or **GE category notations** on your transcript(s) for help matching California community college courses.

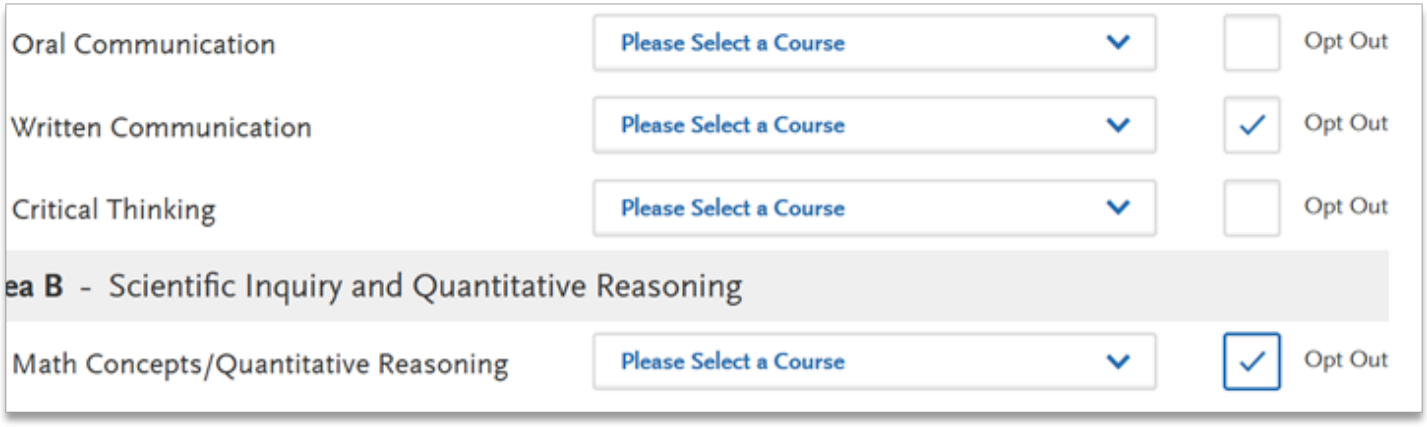
TIP: Double check all selections. Ensure that you have the right course selected for each area that corresponds with that GE requirement. Note that you can select any Pass, Credit, and In Progress/Planned courses.

Matching your standardized tests to CSU GE

The drop-down menu allows you to select from the passing standardized tests scores you entered previously in the Standardized Test section. Scores which meet GE areas should pre-populate for approved GE categories based on data listed on the External Exam Credit page.

CSU GE for Lower Division transfer applicants

Applicants transferring with less than 60 semester units completed must complete a course in areas 1A-English Composition and 2- Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning with a minimum grade of C-. Applicants identify the two courses in the corresponding areas on the GE page. If the other two (1B – Critical Thinking and Composition and 1C- Oral Communication) areas are not complete or in progress, click **Opt Out** for each of those requirements. See image below.



CSU GE Transfer applications with international coursework

Applicants with only international coursework will not enter General Education information.

If credit history includes some U.S. credits that qualify for GE, designate credit towards the eligible GE categories. Otherwise, click **Opt Out** for each GE that you do not have a corresponding course to match from your College Coursework entry.

Entering Authorized GE exceptions for high-unit majors

Students applying to high-unit majors with an authorized exception for GE requirements and who will not complete all four required GE areas will click **Opt Out** for any GE areas that have received the exception, to indicate they do not have a course match for that requirement. Visit the [High-Unit Majors with Authorized Exceptions to Admission and GE Requirements] website for more information about verifying authorization.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

About Supporting Information

The Supporting Information section will contain one or more of the following subsections depending on your applicant type.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

In this section, you will report whether you are currently in an EOP&S program and indicate whether you will be applying to the CSU's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).

- If you do **not** wish to apply to the EOP program, select **No**. Continue to the next section.
- If you **do** wish to apply to the EOP program, you are able to either select **Yes** and complete the EOP application now or select **Yes but return later** to complete the EOP-specific questions.

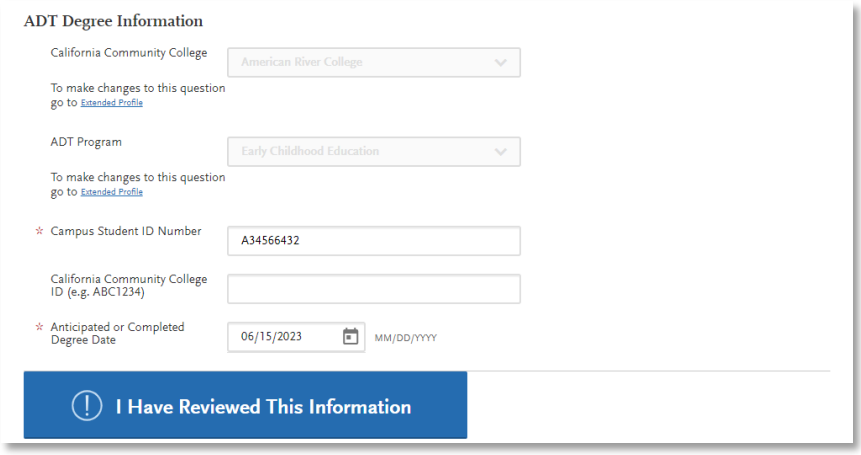
If you opt to return later to complete the EOP application, be mindful of EOP deadlines. Visit the EOP Admissions site to learn more about EOP, eligibility criteria, and to view EOP application deadlines.

For guidance on completing the EOP application, visit CSU Educational Opportunity Program Applicant Preparation Worksheet.

Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)

Applicants who completed or will complete an Associate Degree for Transfer by the application term and have identified the degree in their Extended Profile will complete this section.

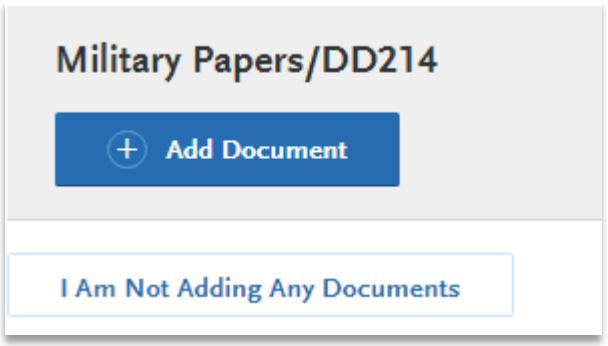
STEP ONE - **Verify the ADT Degree Information you provided in your Extended Profile is correct.** It is important that the information reported be accurate as changes cannot be made after the application is submitted. If the major you earned was not listed as an option, you may have earned a different associate degree. If you are unsure about what degree you earned or are earning, please contact the community college for assistance.



STEP TWO - **Enter your Campus Student ID Number**
This will assist the community college during the degree verification process.
STEP THREE - **Enter your California Community College ID**
This is not a required field. If you have access to your California Community College ID, provide that information.
STEP FOUR - **Enter the Anticipated or Completed Degree Date**
If the degree will be completed in the future and you are not sure of the specific date, you can use the 15th of the month.
STEP FIVE - Select **I Have Reviewed This Information** and/or **Save and Continue.**

Documents

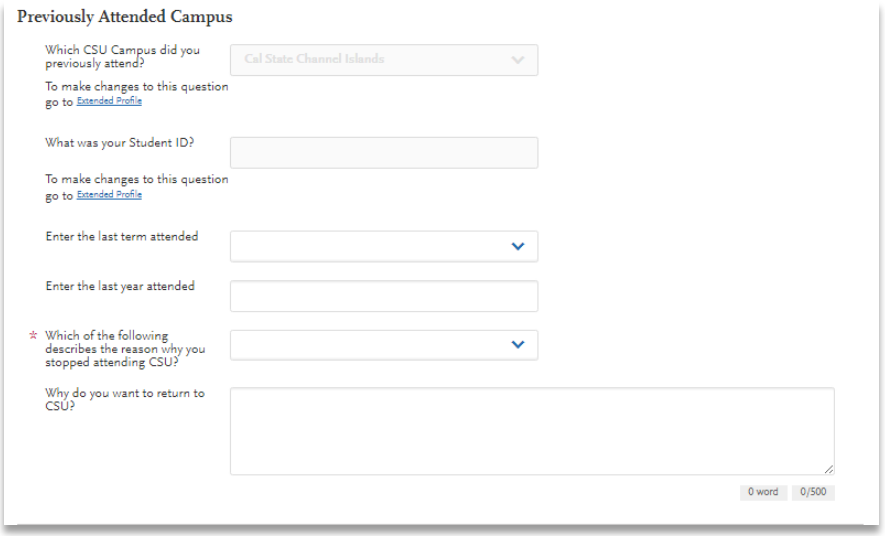
Applicants who identified their military service (active or discharged) in their Extended Profile will complete Documents – Military Papers/DD214 section.
STEP ONE: Click **Add Document**.
STEP TWO: Click **Choose File**.
STEP THREE: Locate and select your file.
STEP FOUR: Click **Upload This Document**.



No documents to upload? Click **I Am Not Adding Any Documents**.

Returning Students

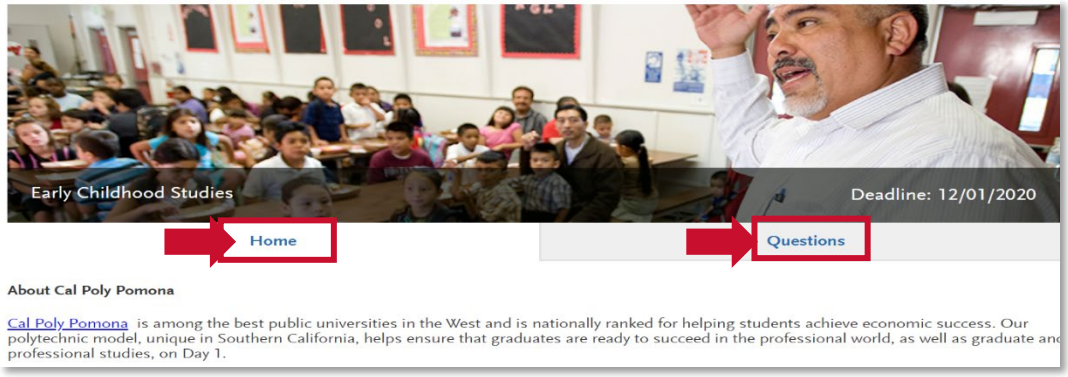
Applicants who reported they are returning to the same CSU campus they previously attended in their Extended Profile will complete the Previously Attended Campus information in the Returning Students section.



PROGRAM MATERIALS

Program Materials

For each program you are applying to, you will see one blue tile. Click into each tile to find information for the specific campus program and if applicable, questions or documents for you to complete.

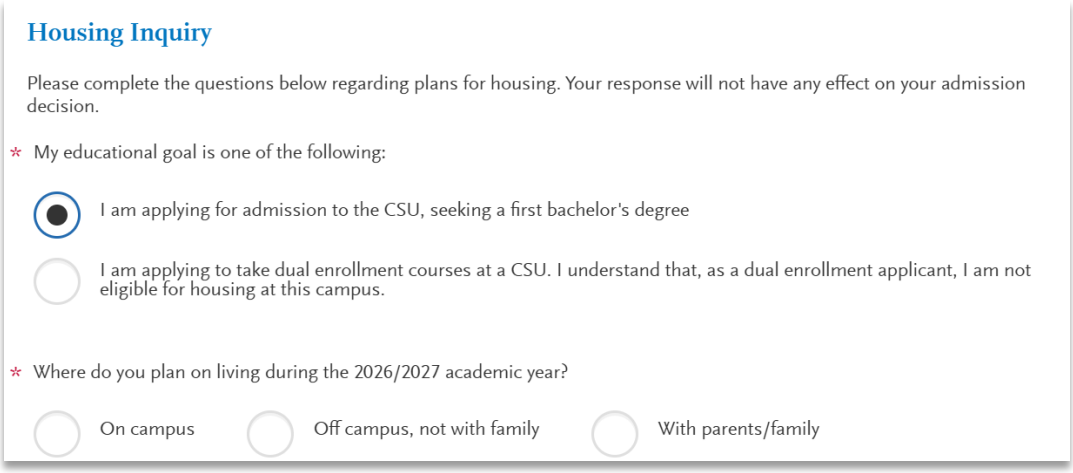


Once you have selected the tile, you will see information about that program on the Home tab.

Some programs have included additional required and/or optional questions or documents. Note that you cannot submit your application if you do not complete all required information in Program Materials, similar to the other quadrants.

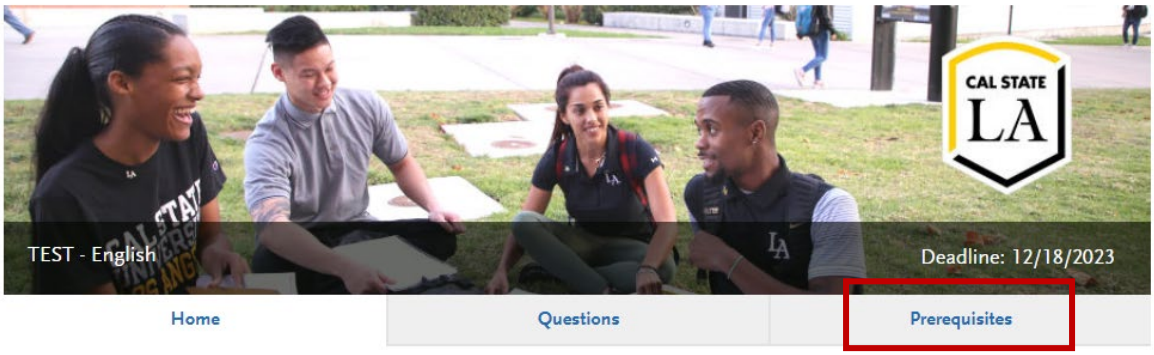
Financial Aid Housing Question

Applicants will be required to report their housing interest within the Cal State Apply application. This information is used for financial aid planning purposes. The question can be found in the Questions section in the Program Materials quadrant.

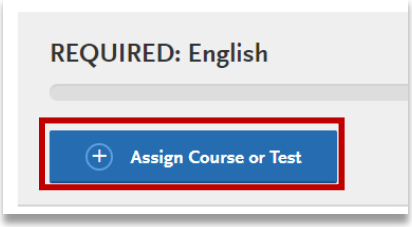


Standardized Test Credit or Courses for Prerequisite Fulfillment

If you apply to a campus that requires prerequisites for your intended major, you may be required to complete the Prerequisites section in the Program Materials quadrant of the application.

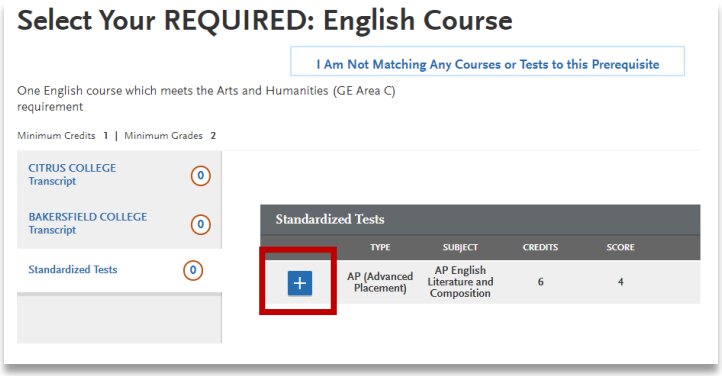


STEP ONE - Click on the Prerequisites tab to view all required and optional prerequisites. To report a course or test as fulfillment for each prerequisite, click on **Assign Course or Test**.



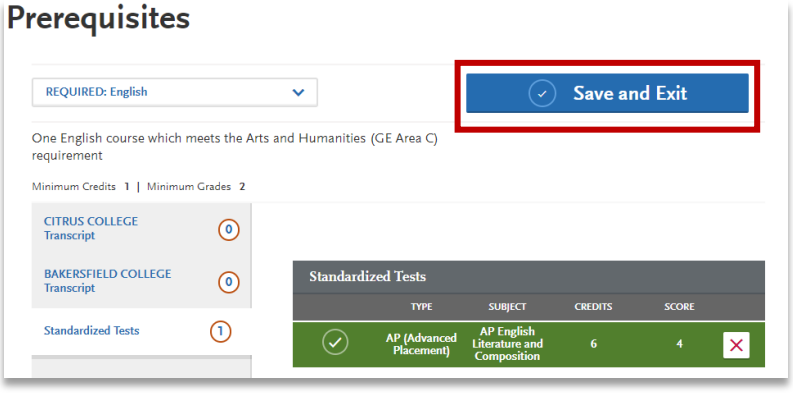
STEP TWO - Click the + to add either a standardized test or course to map to the prerequisite from your reported courses and completed test(s).

NOTE: You must complete the Academic History quadrant of the application first before completing this section.



STEP THREE - Once the prerequisite is mapped, the entry will highlight green. **Click Save and Exit**.

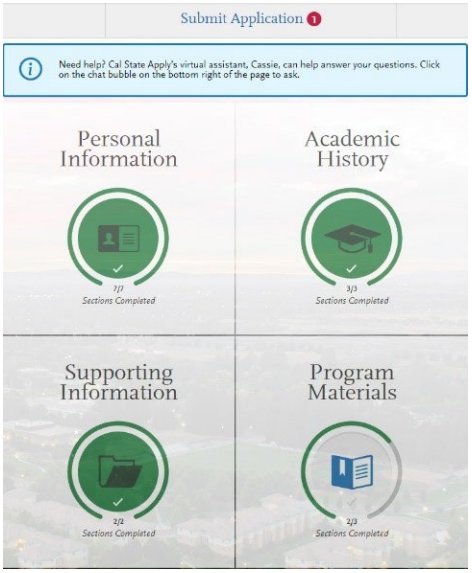
If you do not have any prerequisites to map, click **I Am Not Matching Any Courses or Tests to this Prerequisite.**



SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

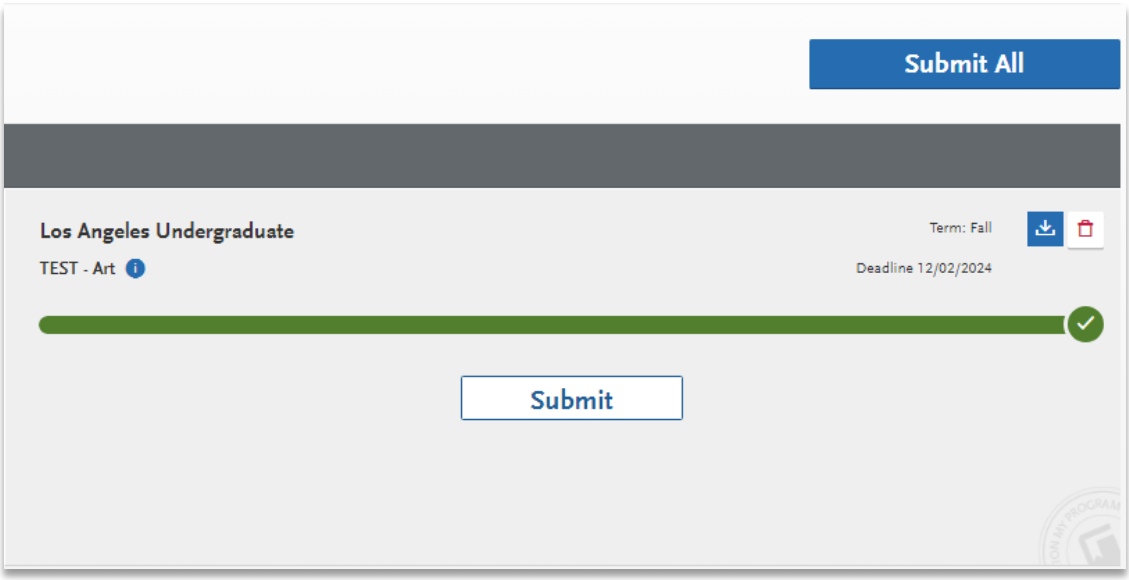
Submitting your application

Once submitted, your application cannot be changed with minor exceptions. Incomplete or inaccurate information may affect admission eligibility.



You are ready to submit the application when the first three quadrants highlight (green), at least one of the program materials sections is completed, and a red 1 appears in the Submit Application tab.

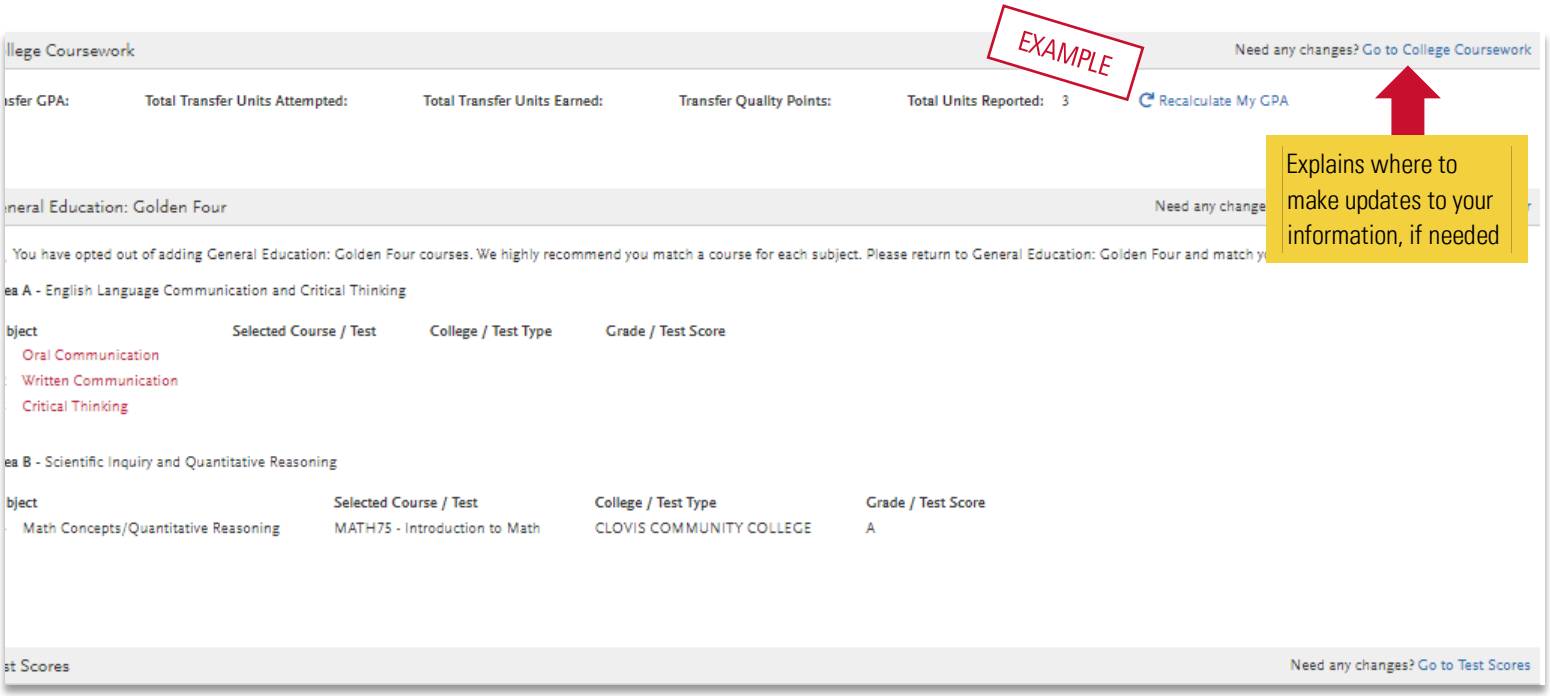
If you are applying to more than one program, you can either click **Submit All** or click **Submit** under each program that you wish to apply to. You can submit to programs at different times if you wish if it is prior to the application deadline.



Review your programs. This is the last chance to review, so please do it carefully. There are no refunds issued if you make a mistake. You can remove a program by clicking the trashcan icon on the submit application tab.

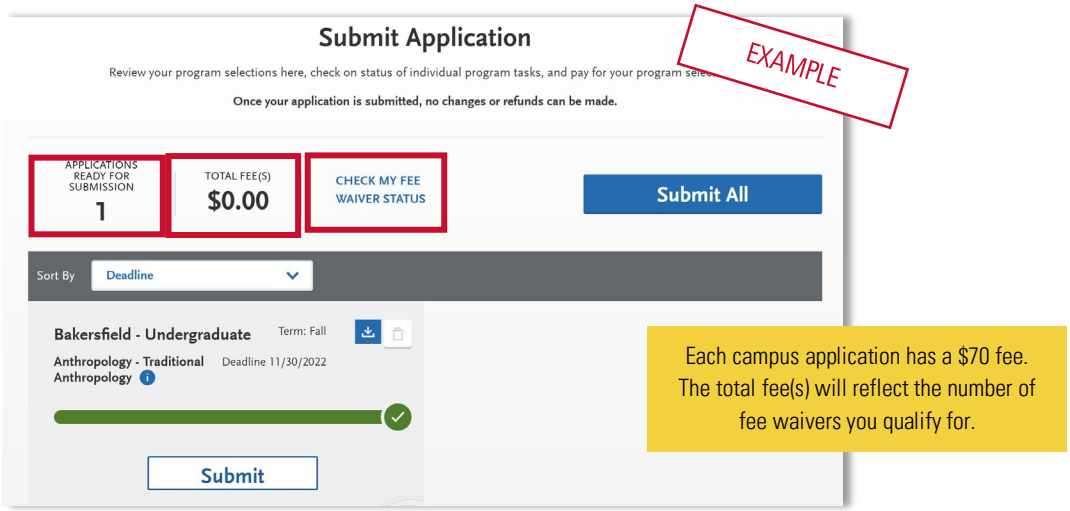
Review the Summary Page carefully before submitting

Review the summary page carefully. Note any warning symbols and red text that may require you to update your application before submitting.



Application Fee Waivers

A fee waiver is automatically generated based on the information you provided in the application. You must fully complete the application before the fee waiver eligibility is determined. The total fee(s) displayed will reflect the number of fee waivers you qualify for. You can also select **Check My Fee Waiver Status** on this Submit Application tab to view your eligibility. Visit the fee waiver page for more information on fee waivers, including how eligibility is determined.



When ready, click continue and note the Fee Total. Here, enter payment details and confirm your billing address. Select Continue to proceed with payment processing. You will receive a confirmation receipt from Cal State Apply via email upon submission of the application.

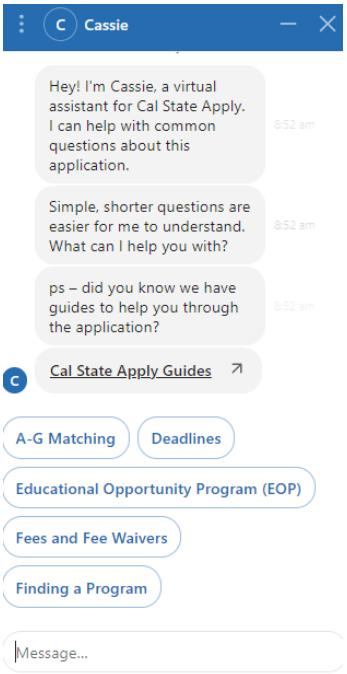
Academic Updates for Fall Term

Applicants will be emailed (usually in January) to update their application to include any grades earned in courses reported as In Progress or Planned for the fall term. Visit www.calstate.edu/transfer in January 2026 to access the 2026-2027 Cal State Apply Transfer Academic Update Guide.

Note that some campuses will require that a separate campus supplemental application be completed; this information, should it be required, will be sent to you directly by the campus.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Troubleshooting common issues



I am having a technical issue with completing the application. How can I contact customer support?

First, please visit the Cal State Apply Help Center, which can assist you with completing your application. If you need additional support from customer service, you will find their contact information and Live Chat options on the Help Center website. Live Chat is the fastest way to receive assistance.

Be sure to have your CAS ID number (located under your name in the upper-right corner of the application) when contacting Cal State Apply via phone or email.

Changes to your application

I have new or updated information to submit. How can I do this?

Once an application has been submitted, the information on the application cannot be edited by logging back into Cal State Apply, except the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) program application, adding new test scores into standardized tests, and updating in progress and planned grades during the allowed timeframe (see Academic Updates section in this guide). Please contact the campus(es) to which you applied and work with them to provide the updated information.

I made a mistake on my application. How can I fix it?

Once you submit your application, the information on the application cannot be edited on Cal State Apply. Please contact the campus(es) you applied to and provide the correct information.

Admissions decisions

Where/how will I receive the admissions decision?

The admission decision will not be found within Cal State Apply. You will receive a notification directly from the campus (usually via email) regarding your admission decision.

How To

I do not see the AD-T degree (AA-T and/or AS-T) I earned or will earn on the application. What do I do?

Confirm with your community college you are earning or earned an AA-T or AS-T degree for your major and not a standard AA or AS degree. If an AA-T or AS-T is confirmed, please contact calstateapply@calstate.edu to report the missing AD-T degree.

I cannot find the campus and/or program I am looking for on the application. What do I do?

One of the most common reasons why an applicant may not see a program is because they identified themselves as a Lower Division Transfer (less than 60 units earned). Not all campuses admit Lower Division Transfers, and not all programs are open to Lower Division Transfers.

If you are not a Lower Division Transfer, double check that you did not incorrectly identify yourself as one on the Extended Profile.

- To check, go back to your Extended Profile.
- Double check your answer to "What if your current educational status?"
    - 0-59 units = lower division transfer
    - 60 + units = upper division transfer

I received a submission warning that I am an upper division applicant with less than the required 60 transferable units. What changes do I need to make?

A warning message alerts applicants when they have indicated they are an Upper Division Transfer applicant but the number of transferrable units reported are less than 60 semester or 90 quarter hours. Review your coursework entered in the College Coursework section to make sure the Transferable check box is checked for all course entries and all in progress or planned coursework has been reported. **See this section of the guide for College Coursework entry guidance.**

If your coursework looks accurate, check the box, "**I understand and have reviewed.**"