

# Transfer Day

## Student Preparation

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### How to Prepare For Transfer Day:

- Talk to your counselor about admission requirements.
- Use the Internet and college catalogs in your Career/Transfer Center for:
  - Admissions requirements – but don't stop there – scan the majors and see what appeals to you.
  - Find out about general requirements for college transfer students.
  - Look through some of the course descriptions.
  - Try to get a sense of the campus emphasis and atmosphere.
- Find out if you meet the minimum admission requirements *before* you speak to the reps.
  - Read whatever application and catalog material you can lay your hands on.
  - Compute your own GPA and make a list of all your transferable courses, including courses in progress.
- If you meet the minimum requirements, you'll need to ask the rep if there are other factors in the application review process.
- If you don't meet the minimum requirements, make a list of your "problem" areas (like math, foreign language, low GPA) and ask the rep for specific advice on how to make up deficiencies.
- Make a list of the campuses that you want to visit at the college fair. Prioritize to get the most out of the event.
- Make sure that the campuses you "target" offer the major(s) in your interest area.

### On Transfer Day:

- Focus on the schools from your "wish list". Pick up brochures, from your "wish list" colleges, then follow through and read them.
- Read the information! The reps don't mind if you read it in front of them and ask questions. If something isn't clear, or if you don't understand the admissions jargon, ask!
- The more specific the question, the better the answer. The college reps' most -hated question is "Uh, how's your \_\_\_\_\_ department?"
- Remember, this is *your* moment to ask about *your* specific academic record and your specific goals. Use your moment wisely.
- Don't forget to cover these important questions:
  - **Housing** – when and where to apply?
  - **Financial Aid** – any special consideration or scholarships for transfer students?
  - **Tours** – how to sign up? Are there open houses or previews I can attend?
  - **Interviews/Advising for prospective applicants** – Required? Important? How do I arrange for them?
  - **Sports, clubs, Greek life, extra-curricular activities** – what's available?
  - **Placement of graduates** – who are the primary employers? What percent went on to graduate or professional schools? Other important placement information?
- If you are undeclared or undecided on a major, ask the representative for advice on how best to proceed with your application.

The Career/Transfer Center has a wealth of information about California colleges and universities, so you may want to concentrate on the out-of-state colleges who do not visit California regularly.

If you missed visiting with a rep or if your "wish list" campus did not send a rep, talk with the Career/Transfer Center Director for advice on how to obtain information on the colleges of your choice.

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