



Associate Degree  
for Transfer  
*A Degree with a Guarantee.*<sup>SM</sup>

# The Associate Degree for Transfer AA-T & AS-T

# It all began with...



- Senate Bill 1440 (SB1440)
  - Increase number of associate degrees awarded, specifically for transfer students
  - Reduce units/cost before & after transfer
  - Smoother path to transfer to a CSU
  - A guarantee to the CSU *system*

“Traditional”  
Associate Degree (AA/AS)  
versus  
Associate Degree for  
“Transfer” (AA-T/AS-T):

- Traditional AA/AS degree never influenced your transfer admission to a CSU
- AA-T/AS-T degree *may* enhance your transfer admission to a CSU



# 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](http://www.sb1440.org)
  - CSU cannot require students to repeat courses similar to those completed at CCC
- AA-T/AS-T students admitted to CSU in a *similar* 120-unit Bachelors degree (BA/BS) program are guaranteed to complete BA/BS in 60 semester units

# What's the Guarantee?

1. A student who completes an Associate's Degree for Transfer at a California Community College is guaranteed admission to the California State University (No guarantee to any particular campus or program).
  - To qualify:
    - The student 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?

2. AA-T/AS-T graduates who are 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.
  - Continuous enrollment in the same academic major is required unless the student is on an approved leave of absence.
  - After enrollment at a CSU campus begins, the guarantee is not transferable to another CSU campus.



# Transfer Degrees offered at Citrus College

- Administration of Justice
- Business Administration
- Communication Studies
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- English
- History
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Physics
- Sociology
- Theater Arts

**MORE are coming!**



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

- This degree can work for anyone targeting a CSU
- Degree works especially well for students who...
  - Want to earn Associate Degree 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)
- May also be strong preparation for other institutions



# “Similar”

- Each CSU determines if the AA-T/AS-T is *similar*
  - “Similar” means a *transfer student arrives with the TMC coursework and lower-division GE ,and the CSU campus can deliver the baccalaureate degree in 60 units. (60 + 60)*
- Some majors and/or concentrations within majors may not be considered similar (CSUF: Business AS-T example)
- Official repository for “similar” majors: [www.sb1440.org](http://www.sb1440.org)

# Requirements for the AA-T/AS-T Degree

- 60 *CSU transferable* semester units (or 90 quarter units)
  - Completion of General Education
    - Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) **or**
    - CSU GE-Breadth Requirements
      - **Including Golden Four (w/a “C” grade or better)**
        - *A1 - Communication*
        - *A2 - English composition*
        - *A3 - Critical thinking*
        - *B4 - Quantitative reasoning*
  - A minimum of 18 semester units in a *major or area of emphasis*
    - Very specific 18 semester units required
  - Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0
  - No additional *local* requirements allowed



# What about External Sources of Credit?

1. External Sources of Credit:
  - Advanced Placement (AP)
  - College Level Exam Preparation (CLEP)
  - International Baccalaureate (IB)



# Case Scenarios

- A student wants to study *Business Administration* at CSU Fullerton...
- A student wants to study *Sociology* at Cal Poly Pomona...

# THE ADMISSION PROCESS

# Admission Process

- CSU Mentor ([www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu))
- New AA-T/AS-T Section on CSU Application

*For California Community College Students Only*

If you are presently enrolled in a special 60 units Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Transfer degree (AA-T or AS-T) at your California community college, please answer the following:

Degree program pursuing: AA-T

From which California community college will you receive this AA-T or AS-T degree? Long Beach City College

Dates attended: 08/2009 to: 05/2012 mm/yyyy

Units completed: 48

Term type: Semester

Degree date: 05/2012 mm/yyyy

What is your major for this AA-T or AS-T degree? Sociology

# Application *Verification* Process

- Student self-reported applicant responses to AA-T/AS-T questions from CSU Mentor
  - Applicant data sent to Community College
- AA-T/AS-T Implementation & Oversight Committee determine the *verification timeline* for each term
  - Timeline includes petition to graduate verification dates
- Applicants provide evaluation documents to CSU
  - CSU campuses will communicate with you regarding deadlines
  - It is *your* responsibility to submit required documents by stated deadlines

# Application Verification Process

- Students who petitioned for degree are expected to provide a copy of their evaluation/report to CSU campuses to which they had applied
- Students required to provide final transcript showing awarding of AA-T/AS-T degree to CSU
- All applicants still must follow campus instructions regarding documents and other requirements
  - Campus Web portals!



# What about UC?

SB1440 does not pertain to UC, *but* . . .

- AA-T/AS-T guarantees a Comprehensive Review of your UC application
- 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 (IGETC over CSU Breadth)
- A great deal of similarity already exists, but conversations continue on the campuses and at the system level



# Resources

1. [www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com](http://www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com)
2. <http://www.calstate.edu/transfer/degrees/>
3. <http://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrv/counsel/articulation/Pages/default.aspx>
4. <http://www.sb1440.org>



# Stay tuned...

- More TMCs and local AA-T/AS-T degrees being developed
- New information will be added to the websites
- Questions...???