

More Tips for Students Entering the Community College

1. If you are an undocumented student, you must fill out the AB540 Affidavit at the Admissions Office of the college you choose to attend. If you qualify, filling out this form will allow you to pay the same price per class unit as California residents. If you are a US citizen or Permanent Residents (if you have a 'green card') you do not have to ask for this form.
2. Students who filled out the **FAFSA** must visit the Financial Aid office at the community college campus and ask for a copy of your **Award Letter**; ask to speak with a financial aid counselor who can explain the letter to you. If you are undocumented, you should not apply for financial aid with the FAFSA but you can apply for scholarships that you're eligible for. **ALL STUDENTS:** Repeat the financial aid process that applies to you EACH year!
3. Ask the Transfer Center coordinator about transfer requirements right away! If you plan to transfer to a UC campus, you must follow the **IGETC** (Inter-segmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) course pattern. If you will transfer to a CSU campus, you need to follow the **General Education Breath Requirements**. Private colleges and universities may have their own transfer requirements; check with each private school you're interested in.
4. Learn how to use www.assist.org. This website tells you what classes from your community college will transfer to any CSU or UC campus. This resource will help you avoid taking classes that will not count toward your BA or BS when you transfer.
5. Learn where important offices are located! Pick up a campus map in the Admissions Office and highlight where certain offices are found. Make sure to look for:
 - a. EOPS
 - b. The Transfer Center
 - c. The Assessment Center
 - d. The Tutoring Center/Writing Center
 - e. The Library
 - f. The Counseling Center
 - g. The Student Center
 - h. The Bookstore
6. Get involved! Join student groups and meet other students with similar goals. Some community college students will take classes that don't count toward transferring to a four year college campus. **DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU!** Planning ahead will save you time and money!