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TRANSFER BASICS

What Does it Mean to Transfer?

“Transfer” indicates moving from one educational institution to another. We will USE the term “transfer” to describe advancement from Barstow Community College to a 4-year university.

What do I Need to do to Transfer?

- Plan a program of study with your counselor
- Work hard and do well in your courses. Focus on GPA
- Complete English & Math requirements EARLY!



How Long Does it Take to Transfer?

- Generally 2-3 years
- Several factors will impact the length of time you are at BCC: English and Math placement, selected major, # of units taken per semester, and academic progress.



Still Confused???

Contact the Counseling Department

760-252-2411 ext. 7351

Or email

Bcounselor@barstow.edu

Where Can I Transfer?

- University of California (UC)
- California State University (CSU)
- Private Institutions
- Out of State Colleges– HBCU’s etc.
- Online Programs

Why Should I Transfer to Get a Bachelor’s Degree?

- Many career fields require a minimum of a Bachelors Degree for entry level positions, some may require a Master’s Degree or beyond.
- A Bachelors Degree Enables you to attend graduate school (Lawyer, Doctor, Therapist...).
- Make more money!



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STUDENT EDUCATION PLAN—SEP

SEP

Graduate--Transfer--Achieve

What is a Student Educational Plan?

A student educational plan or SEP provides a semester-by semester plan of classes that a student will need to take in order to complete their educational goal. The courses on the SEP may be a combination of basic skills, general education, major, and elective courses. The SEP is created in coordination with a Barstow Community College counselor.

Who needs to create an SEP?

All students need to meet with a counselor to make an educational plan that reflects what their goals are for attending BCC. Some students have specific goals while others only have a vague idea about why they are attending. Either way, students want to take the time to explore majors by creating an educational plan with a counselor.

Why create a SEP?

Planning and taking only those courses a student needs saves a lot of time and money. In addition, creating an educational plan allows students to keep their priority registration, take correct courses, and finish in the shortest amount of time, all while achieving their educational goal.

Need to create an SEP? Contact Counseling at 760-252-2411 ext. 7351

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Need assistance with understanding your Student Educational Plan (SEP)?

Attend a workshop! See page 9 for dates and times!



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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT—BRIAN PACKER-CTE ADJUNCT FACULTY



Please tell me a little bit about yourself?

I started at Barstow Community College in 2015 and teach the Industrial Maintenance Mechanic and Welding classes. I started working at BNSF Railway in 1998 as a diesel mechanic and did that until 2004 when I became a facility maintenance mechanic. In this position, I work in many different areas: welding and fabrication, plumbing, hydraulics, building construction, and various other duties. While working for BNSF, I attended Barstow Community College and graduated with an A.S. in Computer Science. I then attended Park University, graduating with a B.S. in Management/Computer Information Systems. Then after taking a short break, I went back to Park and obtained an M.B.A. with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. I have a wife and 3 children, and my oldest son is a high school senior and a BCC student as well.

Why did you ultimately decide to transfer to Park University?

Park University did not have a presence at BCC at the time that I decided to transfer to Park, but they did have an office and classes at the Marine Corps. Logistics Base in Barstow. Since I was already working full time, and BNSF had agreed to pay my tuition, it made sense to choose Park University since it was the closest university and the scheduling would work perfectly with my work schedule.

What was your favorite thing about Park University?

One of my favorite things about Park University was their schedule flexibility and that they offered most classes online. Online classes were not as popular as they are today, and this helped give me the ability to keep working full time while going to school full time. I also liked the short semesters (5 per year). This meant that taking 2 classes at a time was full time, so I only had to concentrate on 2 subjects simultaneously.

What was the most challenging thing you encountered when it came to transferring to a university and how did you overcome it?

I quickly learned that online classes took more effort and discipline on my part. One of the most challenging things that I encountered was finding the time to study. I have a son who was born in 2001 so sacrificing time away from him and my wife was the most difficult thing that I had to do during the time I was going to school. Fortunately, I was able to get through this and by the time my daughter was born, in 2004, I knew how to manage time very well and was getting much more efficient at studying. By the time my third child was born, in 2008, I was just finishing up with my MBA.

Did you go to college with the intention of getting the job you have now? If not, explain how you came to the position you're in now. Any other jobs lead you here?

When I started college, I did not have the intention of getting the job I have now at BNSF. I went to college with the intention of getting out of the type of work that I did then and continue to do now. But as time has gone by, I realize that I would not be happy in an office job or confined to a cubicle. I have come to realize that I enjoy working outside much of the time and working on different tasks. I never could have imagined that I would be teaching one day. With the experience I've gained at BNSF and the education that I received, everything worked out just right so that I was able to start teaching at BCC and I love it. It is great to be able to help students form a path to their goals and careers. I continue to learn new things constantly and appreciate that I can share all the things that I learn with others.

What advice would you give to someone who's considering transferring to a 4-year university?

One piece of advice I would give to someone who is considering transferring to a 4-year university is to make the decision to transfer early, if possible. My path was not a typical one, but I can tell you that if you start late or are undecided in your major for some time, it can still be completed, even if you are starting later in life—especially now that there are so many more options available.



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT—GRECIA VASQUEZ - Transfer to Park University



Please tell us a little bit about yourself?

I am an Army Combat Veteran. I graduated from Barstow in May 2018 with my Associates in Social Science. I am currently attending Park University to obtain my Bachelors in Social Psychology.

Why did you choose to transfer to Park University?

I chose to transfer to Park University to because it was really close to where I live and I had heard nothing but good things about the school.

What is your favorite thing about Park University?

I would have to say my favorite thing about Park is that it is close.

Is there anything that you wish you would have known before going to Park University that you didn't find out about until after the fact?

The only thing I wish I would have known is that their semesters are broken up into two parts and that the classes are 8 weeks long.

Do you feel that you have been challenged in your coursework at Park University?

I most definitely feel that I am being challenged in most of my classes. The research papers can be very lengthy.

Do you feel that the professors and the college staff are helpful and approachable?

From my experiences emailing the instructors, I feel that they have been very helpful. The one teacher that I have had face to face was amazing.

What kind of advice would you offer to a BCC student looking to transfer to Park University?

If I had any advice for student s that are transferring, would be to keep going and never give up. Its ok to change your mind about your major.

If you are an alumni of BCC and would like to share your transfer story, please email us at

Transfer@barstow.edu



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UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT– CSU Northridge

California State University, Northridge exists to enable students to realize their educational goals. The University's first priority is to promote the welfare and intellectual progress of students. To fulfill this mission, we design programs and activities to help students develop the academic competencies, professional skills, critical and creative abilities, and ethical values of learned persons who live in a democratic society, an interdependent world, and a technological age; we seek to foster a rigorous and contemporary understanding of the liberal arts, sciences, and professional disciplines, and we believe in the following values. CSUN is a vibrant, diverse university community of 38,310 students and more than 4,000 faculty and staff, sited on a 356-acre campus in the heart of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley.



Minimum Transfer Requirements

- 60 transferable units
- GPA of at least 2.0 for local areas
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended in a regular session
- Have completed each of the CSU General Education courses in Writing, Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning), Critical Thinking** and Speech Communication with a grade of C- or better

Fast Facts

9 Colleges and Schools

38,716 students in attendance

142 majors, degrees & credentials

Average Transfer GPA: 3.70

48 % Transfer Acceptance Rate

Source: https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/profile_2018_0.pdf



For more information visit: <https://www.csun.edu/>

Or visit the Transfer Center!



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DEGREE/CAREER SPOTLIGHT – POLITICAL SCIENCE

What Can You Do with a Degree in Political Science?

Degrees in political science are offered at the associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels. In these programs, students learn how government works and how to develop policy, conduct research and analyze data. Undergraduate degrees may prepare graduates for entry-level careers, but many occupations in this field call for graduate study. Students often participate in internships in order to get hands-on experience.

Skills you Acquire With this Major

Political Science majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Knowledge of worldwide political systems and processes
- Critical thinking and creative problem-solving
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages



Career	Annual Salary
Political Scientist	\$47,210 - \$162,500 (2015)*
Lawyer	\$115,820 (2015 median)*
Lobbyist	\$66,429 (2016 median)**
Public Relations Specialist	\$56,770 (2015 median)*
Journalist	\$21,390 - \$81,580 (2015 average for reporters and correspondents)*
Teacher	\$54,890 (median for elementary school teachers in 2015)* \$55,860 (median for middle school teachers in 2015)* \$57,200 (median for high school teachers in 2015)* \$73,370 (median for postsecondary political science instructors in 2015)*

Source: * U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), **PayScale.com



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UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TOURS– SPRING 2019

Are you planning to transfer to a four-year university? If yes, sign-up for one of our free university campus tours! During the campus tours you will have the opportunity to view the campus, meet with campus representatives, and explore various campus services, programs, and resources! **Meals and transportation will be provided!**

Date/Time Of Trip	Campus	Deadline to Sign-up:
February 1, 2019 7:30am-5pm	CSU Dominguez Hills Campus Tour @ 11am	01/30/19
February 8, 2019 9:30am-5pm	UC Riverside Campus Tour @ 12 & Info Session @ 1pm	02/06/19
March 11- March 14th	Spring Break Trip 7 Universities in 4 days	1/30/19
March 22, 2019 7:00am-5pm	SPS Transfer Series: University of Redlands @ 8:45am & Loma Linda University @ 1pm	3/20/19
March 29, 2019 7am-5pm	CSU Los Angeles Campus Tour @ 10am	03/27/19

Important Notices:

Sign-Up in the Transfer & Career Center by the deadline!

Seating is limited! Students must be enrolled in a class at BCC for the fall 2018 semester in order to attend a campus tour. Priority will be given to students with 30+ units that are in good standing.

BCC- Transfer & Career Center
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UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES ON CAMPUS– JANUARY 2019



**NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY**

January 16, 2019

12:30pm-1:30pm

Info Session & Luncheon

Click [HERE](#) to request additional
information from National University or
visit www.nu.edu

To schedule an appointment with a university representative or to RSVP for
an information session, please email Transfer@barstow.edu or
by calling 760-252-2411 ext. 7321



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UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES ON CAMPUS– JANUARY 2019



January 28, 2019

12:30pm-1:30pm

Financial Awareness Workshop

Click [HERE](#) to request additional
information from National University or
visit www.ucr.edu/

To schedule an appointment with a university representative or to RSVP for
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TRANSFER CENTER EVENTS CALENDAR— JANUARY 2019

University representatives scheduled to visit the Barstow Community College campus may require an appointment. Please call 760-252-2411 ext. 7321 or email Transfer@barstow.edu to schedule an appointment.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 	2	3	4
7 	8	9	10	11
14	15 FAFSA WORKSHOP 12:30pm- 1:30pm	16 National University Info Session 12:30pm-1:30pm Transfer Center Lunch provided	17 STEP Information Luncheon 12:30pm- 1:30pm Transfer Center	18
21 	22 Transfer Awareness Tent Amphitheater 10am-1:30pm ASU Student Ambassador Meeting 2:00pm-2:30pm	23	24 Transfer Thursday @ Ft. Irwin 9am-12pm & 1:30- 4pm	25
28 UC Riverside Financial Awareness Workshop 12:30pm Transfer Center	29 FAFSA WORKSHOP 12:30pm- 1:30pm	30 Transfer Awareness Tent Amphitheater 10am-1:30pm FAFSA WORKSHOP 12:30pm- 1:30pm		