



Transfer & Career Center

Timeline for Transfer Students

FIRST SEMESTER AT BCC:

Note: This information is a tool to assist you in the transfer process. It does not replace advising information provided by your Barstow Community College (BCC) Counselor. Timelines may vary from student to student.

- MEET WITH A COUNSELOR:** Even if you're still not sure what questions to ask, they can help you form a game plan.
 - Be aware that while some classes may work as prep for several majors or universities, there is no such thing as a generic plan. The sooner you know what you want to do and where you want to go, the more specific and efficient your education plan can be.
- GET YOUR TRANSFER ON!** Find out where to get help from the Counseling Department, the Transfer & Career Center, Teaching & Learning Support Center, Special Programs, Financial Aid, etc. Don't be shy—look around and get to know the resources that BCC has for YOU.
- THINK ABOUT YOUR CHOICE OF MAJOR AND/OR CAREER:** Ask friends, peers, family, counselors, advisors, faculty, and the Transfer & Career Center for help.
- TAKE A CAREER ASSESSMENT:** The Transfer & Career Center offers a career assessment through Career Cruising! This assessment will help you to better understand which occupations fit your needs and goals! Watch interviews with people already in the occupation you wish to pursue and much more!
- ATTEND A TRANSFER FAIR AND SIGN UP FOR A TRIP/CAMPUS TOUR WITH THE TRANSFER AND CAREER CENTER:** Speak with university representatives and start collecting brochures to get a feel for what's ahead. Check out 4-year university campuses. The Transfer & Career Center offers plenty of free trips each semester, sign-up!
- ATTEND A TRANSFER PLANNING WORKSHOP:** Learn details of how to research universities and what you need to do to transfer to the school of your dreams.

SECOND SEMESTER AT BCC:

- DO SOME RESEARCH:** Check university websites for details on majors/programs, student life, housing, etc.
 - Request brochures from the universities that you are interested in and have them add you to their mailing and/or email list.
 - Stop by the Transfer & Career Center to get university info and review information on how to choose a university, application fee waivers, and joining the Student Transfer Enhancement Program (STEP).

- MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH UNIVERSITY REPS:** Meet with university representatives when they are on the BCC Campus. The Transfer & Career Center hosts a monthly Transfer Awareness Tent. At the tent you can pick up information on upcoming events, trips, etc. and also meet with several university representatives from the surrounding area.

- FIND SOME MONEY!** Check with the Financial Aid office to learn how to apply for grants, scholarships, and loans, and what will be available for you when you transfer. Universities are more expensive, but there's a lot of money out there. Find out how to get some of it!

- MAKE SOME DECISIONS:** If you haven't already decided which universities you want to apply to and/or what you want to major in when you transfer, now is the time to do so. If you need assistance, visit a counselor or the Transfer & Career Center.

- CREATE YOUR LIST:** By now you should have a list of at least 4-5 universities that you want to apply to. Start writing down important dates such as, application deadlines, housing deadlines, and contact information for each university to which you expect to apply.

- MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR** to get more answers and to refine your education plan.

- IT MIGHT ALREADY BE TIME TO START APPLYING TO FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES!** Depending on the progress you've made, you may be ready as soon as the end of your first year. Check with the Transfer & Career Center or your counselor for eligibility and deadlines.

THIRD SEMESTER AT BCC:

IT'S UNIVERSITY APPLICATION TIME!

- Don't forget to TAG! Six UC's offer a Transfer Admission Guarantee based off of GPA and completed units. TAG Application filing period is Sept. 1-30th.
- Generally speaking, university applications for FALL admission are due about a year in advance, and applications for SPRING are due about 6 months in advance. These are rough guidelines only, and primarily apply to CSU and UC schools.
- Fall application opens Oct. 1st-Nov. 30th for the CSU's and Nov. 1st-Nov. 30th for the UC's.
- Private & Out-of-State University deadlines vary tremendously, so check with the Transfer & Career Center, Counseling, or directly with the university for details.

ATTEND TRANSFER & CAREER CENTER WORKSHOPS:

- Application workshops help with the sometimes long and confusing application process.
- Essay workshops help with writing the personal statement essays that are so crucial for UC's and the many private universities.
- Even if you do complete the application on your own, it is always a good idea to have the Transfer & Career Center look it over before you submit it.

CREATE A COLLEGE PORTFOLIO:

- Organize sections for Admissions, Advising, Financial Aid, etc.
- Read and save all correspondence from the universities where you apply.
- Thoroughly read all emails—you don't want to miss anything important like a deadline.

TAKE SOME CAMPUS TOURS: Before you accept admission to a university, be sure to visit the campus, especially if you're still deciding between a few choices. Visit the Transfer & Career Center to sign up for free trips/campus tours.

MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR: Fine-tune your education plan to make sure you're covering all the required courses for the university and your major.

FOURTH SEMESTER AT BCC:

CAREFULLY REVIEW YOUR LETTER(S) OF ACCEPTANCE AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS!

- Send updated transcripts and/or complete online updates.
- Sign acknowledgement of acceptance and pay deposits, if required.
- Sign up for the university's orientation session (often mandatory).
- If you are denied admission, please speak with a counselor and/or the Transfer & Career Center so that we may discuss the possibility of appealing the decision.

UPDATE YOUR FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

- Include your prospective campus(es) on your FAFSA. The FAFSA Priority Deadline for the 4– year universities is March 2nd.
- Gather information on grants and scholarships that are specific to the university and major you will be pursuing.

GATHER TRANSCRIPTS AND TEST RESULTS:

- For CSU's you'll need official transcripts from all colleges you've attended.
- For UC's and some private and Out-of-State universities, you'll need official transcripts from your high school(s) plus all colleges attended.
- If you earned AP credits, get official records from www.collegeboard.com
- Get extra copies of these records—you may need them later.

MEET WITH THE REP FROM THE UNIVERSITY YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND:

- Check for any updates on admissions, majors, programs, etc.

MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AGAIN:

- Follow up to make sure you'll complete all required courses.
- Submit petition for CSU or UC GE Certification and for graduation from Barstow Community College!

Questions? Need Assistance?

Contact the Transfer & Career Center

(760) 252-7321 or email Transfer@barstow.edu