



CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

SB 1440 (Padilla): The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act

What does SB 1440 do?

- Creates an associate degree for transfer that guarantees admission with junior standing to the CSU system.
- Defines this degree as having sixty transferrable units that include the IGETC or CSU GE Breadth pattern and 18 units in a major or area of emphasis.
- Provides these students with priority admission to their local CSU campus and to a program or major that is similar to their major or area of emphasis at the community college.
- Prohibits the CSU from requiring students to repeat courses that are similar to courses completed as part of the associate degree for transfer at the community college.
- Prohibits the CSU from requiring students to take more than 60 units to complete a 120-unit baccalaureate degree.

What does this mean for students and the colleges?

- Recognizes the associate degree as the measure of preparation and readiness for transfer to upper-division course work at the CSU, thus shifting the authority for defining lower division major preparation to the community colleges.
- Reduces the need for students to take unnecessary courses, thereby shortening their time to degree completion and reducing costs for students, community colleges and the CSU.
- Eliminates confusion caused by different and shifting major preparation requirements for each CSU campus.