Exploring Private & Out of State Universities

ELAC Transfer Center
2012
Independent/Private & Out of State Universities

6 Elements for Transfer

- Admission
  - Minimum Eligibility/Admission requirements for entrance to an independent private college or university
- General Education (GE)
  - Options for completing a GE pattern
- Majors
  - Completing lower division major requirements is also key
- Selection
  - Some of the private colleges/universities have additional screening criteria
- Electives
  - Courses chosen to complete the required number of units to transfer as a junior
- Applying for Admissions
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Admissions Requirements

- Admissions requirements vary from institution to institution and by major or program of study.

- There is no standard set of admission requirements among independent/private college and universities.

- In addition to setting its own unique admission requirements, each independent/private college or university takes into consideration the talents and academic promise of each individual student.

- For additional information about independent/private colleges and universities in California, go to www.AICCU Mentor.org.

- For additional information about independent/private colleges and universities throughout the nation go to www.collegeboard.org or www.commonapp.org
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Advice on Transferring

- Complete English and Math requirements as early as possible.
- Whenever possible, focus on completing both minimum admission requirements and major preparation course work.
- Complete all courses by end of spring semester before your transfer in the fall.
- Apply to more than one independent/private campus.
- Visit the campus of your choice. Many independent/private colleges and universities sponsor Open House and Transfer Day events to introduce prospective students to the campus community. Or, schedule an individual tour by contacting the Admissions Outreach offices of the campus.
- Meet with an Admissions Officer or Major Advisor from the campus of your choice to ensure proper educational planning that will lead to successful transfer.
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General Education (GE) Requirements

- Independent/private colleges and universities sometimes permit transfer students to follow a general education (GE) pattern of courses while completing admission requirements and lower division prerequisites in a major.

- GE patterns usually consist of a variety of courses from a broad range of disciplines, which are designed to give breadth of education.

- GE patterns can also be found on the ELAC Transfer Center/Articulation web page for Articulation Agreements (established GE Patterns) with Independent/Private Colleges.
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General Education (GE) Requirements

- **How do I know which GE pattern to follow?**
  - Your unique circumstances (previous college work, major, choice of transfer institution, etc.) will determine which plan is best.
  - Some majors prefer that you do not concentrate heavily on general education.
  - Check the ELAC Transfer Center/Articulation web page for Articulation Agreements (established GE Patterns) with Independent/Private Colleges
  - Meet with a counselor to determine which plan meets your needs.
In California, there are several independent/private campuses that honor either IGETC or the CSU GE/Breadth pattern to satisfy lower division general education requirements.

Some institutions may require an Associate's degree and/or certification of IGETC or CSU GE/Breadth by a California Community College.

Transfer students may also be required to complete additional lower division GE requirements after transfer.
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Accept IGETC or CSU GE/Breadth

http://californiacolleges.edu/admissions/california-independent-colleges/articulation_information.asp
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Majors for Independent Colleges

- What is major preparation for independent colleges and universities?
  - In addition to completing the admission requirements for an independent college or university, it is essential that you complete as many of the freshman and sophomore requirements for your major.
  - Many college departments will not admit you if you have not completed specific lower division courses for your major which essentially prepares you to transfer at the junior level.
  - Major preparation is particularly critical for science and engineering majors as well as for highly selective majors or campuses.
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Majors for Independent Colleges

- Which independent colleges and universities offer my major?
  - For independent colleges in California, go to [www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu) and click on the campus name to be directed to campus-specific Web sites. Usually majors are listed under "academics" or "degrees".
  - For colleges throughout the nation, go to [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) and use the College Search Tool listed under the Member Colleges & Universities Tab or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and use the College Search Tool.
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Majors for Independent Colleges

http://www.aiccu.edu/AICCU/AICCU_Schools.html
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Common Application Members

https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/Members.aspx
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You have 3,996 college options. Choose a category on the left to find the right ones for you. We’ll help along

www.collegeboard.org
Where can I find the requirements for my major?

- Detailed lower division requirements for the major are listed in the college catalog of every university. Catalogs are also usually be found directly through a college's Web site.

- Counselors at ELAC and advisors at the University can help you design an educational plan that will streamline your path to your choice of major.

- Remember to check with admissions and department personnel at the university of your choice to be sure that you are taking appropriate courses.
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Selection/Screening Criteria

- What does 'eligibility' to the Private College mean?
  - Meeting minimum requirements for admission to a specific private college or university.

- What does 'selection' to a private college mean?
  - Minimum eligibility requirements may not be sufficient for you to obtain entrance to the campus or major of your choice. Each private college establishes screening (selection) criteria designed to make selections where there are more applicants than spaces available.
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Selection/Screening Criteria

_where can I find screening criteria?_

- On campus websites Catalogs (paper or electronic)
  - Screening criteria are often listed under: ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
  - or
  - In the section: ADMISSION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
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Selection/Screening Criteria

- Does preparation in the major serve as part of the selection criteria?
  - Yes, the completion of all or most of the lower division major preparation is frequently a type of selection criteria for transferring to private colleges.

- Other selection criteria
  - High School Transcripts
  - Recommendation Letters
  - Essays – Personal Statement
  - SAT Scores *sometimes required* completion of 30+ community college units often overrides this requirement
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**Electives**

- What are electives for Private Colleges and Universities?
  - Electives for private colleges are courses that transfer to a specific private college and are completed in addition to admission, GE and major requirements.
  - Private colleges vary in their requirements for transferable courses.
  - Some private colleges accept courses that are transferable to the California State University system and almost all accept courses that are transferable to the University of California System.
  - ELAC Transferable Course Info for CSU and UC is available at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
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Electives

What criteria should I use in choosing electives for the private colleges and universities?

- The choice is entirely up to the student as long as the course is transferable. Some suggestions are:
  - Take courses for:
    - gaining skills for the job market
    - increasing the depth and breadth of your major
    - preparing for a minor at the university
    - improving speaking, writing, reading, organizational, personal skills
    - learning a second language
    - balancing your study load
    - interest, fun, health
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Applying for Admission

- Application filing periods vary for each institution

- For a list of application filing periods for California Privates, go to http://californiacolleges.edu/admissions/california-independent-colleges/california-independent-deadlines.asp
### Independent/Private Universities Applying for Admission

**California Independent Colleges Application Deadlines**

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Applying for Admission

- California's nonprofit and out of state private independent colleges and universities establish their own admission criteria and application procedures.
- Many have their own admission application, and most of them offer online applications.
- Some private colleges have different policies for course repeats and academic renewal.
- To apply online go directly to the college or university website.
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- Some California nonprofit, independent colleges and universities accept the "Common Application"
  - an application accepted by numerous independent colleges across the country.

- If the schools to which you are applying accept the Common Application, be sure to check with them directly to determine if there are additional application requirements.
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https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/Members.aspx
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Additional Application, Transfer and Financial information

- **CaliforniaColleges.edu** -- Admission and career planning information for Independent/Private and public colleges and universities in California

- **AICCUMentor.org** -- Independent/Private colleges and universities in California

- **Collegeboard.org** – includes a nationwide search tool for all colleges and universities
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Out of State Universities

- Out-of-state colleges and universities establish their own admission criteria and application procedures.

- Each has their own admission application, and most of them offer online applications.

- It is important that students wishing to apply contact the colleges and universities of interest to determine specific requirements and deadlines.

- For admissions requirements and application information, go directly to the college or university website.
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Questions?

Drop by the ELAC Transfer Center E1 176
Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
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