

# Exploring Options:

## Out-of-State & Private Universities

There are many universities across the nation that accept transfer students. While some private schools have transfer agreements with OCC, many do not. Therefore, it's important to do some research to explore your options with out-of-state and private universities. Start by looking at the admissions website for the campus you are interested in. The following worksheet will help guide your search!

### Basic Information on the University

Name of University: \_\_\_\_\_  Public  Private

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major or Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_



**Counselor Tip #1:** Be sure to verify that the university offers the program(s) you want!

### Transfer Requirements

What is the minimum number of units required to transfer to the university? \_\_\_\_\_



**Counselor Tip #2:** Pay attention to if the campus is on quarter or semester units, as OCC is on a semester system. To convert to quarter units, multiple your OCC units by 1.5.

What is the minimum required transfer GPA for the university? \_\_\_\_\_ For your major? \_\_\_\_\_



**Counselor Tip #3:** Often the GPA you will need to be competitive is higher than the university's minimum. Some universities require higher GPA's for non-residents. We suggest also looking up the range of GPA's accepted.

What was the range of transfer GPA's accepted last year for the university? \_\_\_\_\_ For your major? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the university have an articulation agreement with OCC?  Yes  No



**Counselor Tip #4:** Articulation agreements identify courses that are comparable to, or can be used in lieu of, courses at transfer institutions. Following such agreements helps ensure your community college classes will be accepted and applied as you expected after transfer. Search the university website or the [OCC Transfer Center website at www.bit.ly/PrivateArticulation](http://www.bit.ly/PrivateArticulation) to find out if there is an articulation agreement. Also, be sure to find out if there are any special programs available (i.e. Transfer Admission Guarantee)!

What General Education (GE) pattern does the university accept?

CSU General Education Breadth (Option 2)  IGETC (Option 3)  University-specific plan

What are the minimum levels of English and math required? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the university require high school transcripts? \_\_\_\_\_ SAT or ACT scores? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the lower-division course requirements for your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_



**Counselor Tip #5:** At most schools, lower-division courses are numbered 100-200, but check the university online catalog to verify. Also, be sure to visit the websites for the majors/departments you are applying to! Sometimes there is information listed here that isn't on the university's admissions website.

## Application Process

What is the university's application period/deadline? \_\_\_\_\_

What application is used?

Common application  Campus specific application

What additional documents (if any) are required with your application?

Essay Reference Letter(s)  Portfolio (e.g. Fine Arts programs)  Registrar report

Does your major or program have a supplemental application? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the deadline to submit official transcripts? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the deadline to submit your intent to register (SIR) if you are accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Transfer Assistance

Does the university offer pre-evaluation of transcripts? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the university have a representative assigned to Orange County or Los Angeles County? \_\_\_\_\_

Do they offer information sessions nearby?  Yes  No

If yes, when and where are the sessions held? \_\_\_\_\_

University representative contact information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Paying for College

How much does tuition cost at the university?



**Counselor Tip #6:** Make sure you look at the out-of-state cost if the campus is outside of California.

Is the university a Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) campus?  Yes  No

With [WUE](#), out-of-state students pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at participating schools and majors, compared with nonresident rates that can exceed 300% of in-state rates. If you're exploring out-of-state schools, be sure to check the WUE website: [www.bit.ly/WICHEinfo](http://www.bit.ly/WICHEinfo)

If yes, is there a separate WUE application you will need to fill out for the campus? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of scholarships and financial aid are available for transfer students? \_\_\_\_\_

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