

Identifying and Processing SB-1440 Students



CSU Fullerton

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CSU Fullerton Data

- 2,379 Fall 2012 transfer students indicated on their admission application they completed or have in progress an AA-T or AS-T degree.
- Of the 2,379 applicants
 - 1,503 major did not match degree
 - 411 degree was not offered at their community college
 - 465 possible AA-T/AS-T valid degrees
- As of today, CSUF has 27 valid Transfer Degree applicants for Fall 2012. And 1 student's admission decision was changed due to the .1 GPA advantage.

Admission Application Data Issue

- Students don't understand question on the admission application.

For California Community College Students Only

If you are presently enrolled in a special 60 units Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Transfer degree (AA-T or AS-T) at your California community college, please answer the following:

Degree program pursuing:

From which California community college will you receive this AA-T or AS-T degree?

Dates attended: to: mm/yyyy

Units completed:

Term type:

Degree date: mm/yyyy

What is your major for this AA-T or AS-T degree?

Transfer Guarantee/Dual Admission Program

Are you currently in a dual admission or transfer guarantee program involving your California community college and a CSU campus?

With which California community college?

With which CSU campus?

Which major?

CSU Chancellor Student Notification

- The CSU Chancellor's Office worked with Xap to clean up the data submitted on CSUMentor in attempt to identify possible valid Transfer Degree applicants for Fall 2012.
- Over **2,600** transfer applicants were sent an email communication on January 13, 2012 from the CSU Chancellor's Office regarding verifying their Transfer Degree.
 - Submit their petition to graduate (degree evaluation) to their community college's Admissions and Records Office no later than February 15, 2012.
 - Submit a copy of the completed degree evaluation document from their community college to the Admissions office at each CSU to which they applied for admission by March 15, 2012.

Dear California State University Applicant,

You indicated on your CSU Mentor application for admission to the California State University that you are pursuing an Associate of Arts/Science Degree for Transfer at the California Community College you are presently attending. As you may know, a student who completes an AA-T or AS-T degree and applies for a program determined to be similar by the specific CSU campus is provided priority consideration for admission.

Based on the information you provided, you may be eligible for admission priority consideration at those CSU campuses with similar programs that received your application. In order for these CSU campuses to grant you this consideration, they must verify that you are finishing your remaining requirements for the degree. For this verification to be accomplished, you must first "petition to graduate" with an Associate of Arts/Science Degree for Transfer at the community college you are attending by February 15, 2012. Don't delay.

When the community college provides you with an official document that indicates remaining requirements, you must send a copy of the evaluation form to the admissions office at each CSU campus to which you applied. [A list of the CSU campuses mailing addresses is online for your convenience.](#) Without this verification of your likely completion of the AA-T or AS-T degree, it may be necessary for the CSU campus to delay, by several months, a decision on your admission until you submit a final transcript from your community college that confirms your completion of the degree. Each transfer applicant is expected to send final transcripts not only to confirm degrees but also to verify course completion and provide a basis for academic advisement.

You can obtain verification of your AA-T/AS-T status in the following manner:

1. Submit your petition to graduate (degree evaluation) to your community college's Admissions and Records Office no later than February 15, 2012. Community colleges have adjusted their scheduled degree reviews for students pursuing these degrees.
2. Submit a copy of the completed degree evaluation document from your community college to the admissions office at each CSU to which you applied for admission. Each CSU admissions office will be able to determine your eligibility as soon as the verification is received.

You are responsible for submitting a copy of the degree status evaluation form from your community college to each CSU campus that received your application. You are also responsible for submitting your final, official community college transcript showing completion of the AA-T/AS-T degree by the CSU campus deadline. If, for any reason, you will not be completing an AA-T or AS-T degree, inform the appropriate CSU campuses so they can continue to review your application.

Fullerton's Approach

- **CSU Fullerton's approach for Fall 2012 was to wait for the verification forms to be sent into us.**
- **At total of 797 Fullerton applicants were sent the email from the CSU Chancellor's Office.**
- **Fullerton decided not to process any of the applicants identified by CSUMentor or the Chancellor's Office until the verification form was received.**
- **CSU Fullerton, for this Fall, did not enforce the March 15th deadline.**

Fullerton System Changes

- **Trained staff to identify the various AA-T/AS-T verification forms.**
- **Created a new Doc Type for verifications in our imaging system.**
- **Created a new Student Group in our PeopleSoft system for verified SB1440 students.**
- **Created new applicant status on the admission side for verified SB1440 students to ensure they receive the GPA advantage (APPL/TRDG).**

Fullerton Process - Degree / Major

- Once the verification form is received, it is reviewed to confirm degree matches major to which they applied for admission.
- If not, applicants are notified via email of the discrepancy.
 - Applicants can decide to change their major to the major that matches the degree.
 - Applicants can decide to remain in the major they applied, but understand they are no longer SB1440 students.

Fullerton Process - System Coding

- If degree and major are validated, we check the system to confirm the AA-T/AS-T is correctly coded on the Education Page of PeopleSoft.
- Last School attended is confirmed to match the community college to which they earned the degree.
- They are placed into the new Transfer Degree Student Group so we can track and run queries against the data.

Fullerton Process - Admission Review

- If the student is still in “Applicant” status, we place the student into the new **APPL/TRDG** status.
- Once file is completed, it is sent to evaluations for the admission review and GPA calculation.
- As a Program Impacted campus, we ensure they get the .1 GPA advantage before a decision is made.
- We also consider where they received their degree in case it changes the student from a out of local to local student.

Fullerton Process - Admission Decision

- If the student was denied before we received the SB1440 verification form, we will re-evaluate the student.
- If the student is admitted, the Records department is notified through a new query process.
- If the student is denied, we notify the student through the denial letter, but add a new deny comment to inform them their application is being redirected to other CSU campuses that offer the major.
- Denied students are rerouted, if possible, through the CSUMentor reroute process or sent via email to the different campuses in their area.

Fullerton Changes for Spring 2013

- **Limited Major list on the Admission Application.**
- **More data validation built in the Admission Application to catch data discrepancies before submission.**
- **Automatic emails upon submission of the admission application to inform the student of the verification process.**
- **Adding a new Checklist Item for SB1440 Verification Forms.**
- **Modification of our Mass Matriculation process to look at the Student Group as a requirement for matriculation.**

Fullerton Challenges

- **Student Issues**
 - Bad admission application data
 - Selecting wrong major when they apply for admission
(Communication Studies most common)
 - Student not understanding the policy
- **Verification Forms**
 - Missing Verification forms
 - Verification Forms that do have a place to indicated AA-T/AS-T
 - Verifications Forms with no Major indicated
 - Verification Forms with majors that are not part of TMCs
- **Other Issues**
 - Redirect issues and limitations
 - Admission implications upon final evaluation of degree not posted *(possible that admission will be rescinded)*

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SFSU - "STAR" degree

- SFSU calls SB1440 degrees "**STAR**" degrees (Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act)
- **What is the benefit for students?**
 - GPA bump for purpose of admission (0.2 out of Area/0.1 impacted programs)
 - CSU lower division general education requirements are certified as completed
 - Guarantee that only 60 units are needed at the CSU to complete a BA/BS degree

SFSU Process

- **Students apply on CSU Mentor listing STAR Degrees**
- **Applications get downloaded and STAR degrees are validated against the list of approved TMC's**
- **Applicants are reviewed for admission either based on self-reported data or once all requested documents are received.**

SFSU - Admission Decisions

- If a student is within a 0.2 range below the out of area threshold and indicated having a STAR degree in progress and is applying for a similar major, a 0.2 boost will be applied.
 - If applicant applies for an impacted major, a 0.1 boost will be applied to applicants' GPA prior to sending to department for review.

SFSU – Final Verification

- **Ultimately, STAR degrees must be verified on students' final transcripts.**
- **If a student received the benefit of the STAR degree and was conditionally admitted, but could not clear admissions and SB1440 conditions with the final transcript, the admission decision will be rescinded.**

SFSU - Data

- For fall 2012 SFSU received the following counts of SB1440 applications:
 - 1,699 indicated STAR degrees
 - 900 were found to list degrees that were not approved.
 - 799 were found to list degrees that were approved;
 - Of these 799 only 356 applied to majors deemed similar.
 - **Of these 356 only 16 were found to need of the .2 boost necessary to meet SFSU's out of area threshold of 3.0.**

Bakersfield College

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Bakersfield Process and Issues

- List provided to each CC by February 15th
- CC prepares notification for student to present to CSU by March 15th
- Issues
 - Lists did not match data in our records
 - We did not know which school the student had applied to
 - Our CCCCO indicates it will work the same way next year
 - Automation should address many of these issues