



RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TRANSFER CENTER

UNIVERSITY STARTS HERE!

Being a transfer student means that you are beginning your bachelor's degree right here at Riverside Community College District (RCCD). Here is how it works:

1. **Unit requirements:** The average bachelor's degree program requires that you complete 120 semester units. Those units are divided into lower division (freshman and sophomore) and upper division (junior and senior) coursework. You must complete at least 60 units to reach junior standing (upper division status). Like other community colleges, RCC offers the lower division courses accepted as comparable to the ones that freshman and sophomores must take at a university (thus, they are transferable). Community colleges do not offer upper division coursework, so you will transfer to a university to complete those units and graduate with a bachelor's degree.
2. **Subject requirements:** In addition to the unit requirement for your degree, there are subject area requirements. Those requirements may be for general education and/or major preparation. If you complete all of your subject requirements and have not reached 60 units, you will take transferable elective courses of your choosing before you can transfer.
3. **Admission requirements:** Admission requirements are a combination of units, minimum grade point average, and specific courses that must be completed for admission to a specific university. Universities have different admission requirements. However, most universities require college-level Math and English composition courses for admission (*CSU - Golden Four and UC - Essential Seven*).
4. **General education Requirements:** General education requirements are the courses you must take, outside of your major to complete a bachelor's degree. The purpose of general education requirements is to provide students with foundation courses in English, math, arts, sciences, humanities and social sciences. At RCC, the majority of our students are following either the IGETC (Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum), which meet the GE requirements at either the UC or CSU campuses, or they are following the CSU General Education, which meets the GE requirements only at the CSU campuses. In addition, there are other GE options. You need to meet with a counselor to determine the best GE pattern for you to follow, depending on the universities you are considering. The GE requirements for independent (private) and out-of-state universities will all differ, but the ratio of lower to upper division units will be similar.
5. **Major Preparation:** Your bachelor's degree will be granted in a specific discipline (your major). The university faculty that teaches in your major determines the unit and subject requirements for the degree. Among those requirements is lower division major preparation through which you demonstrate interest and ability in your chosen major. Some majors require very little such preparation, while other majors require many courses. Some of the preparation for your major can also be used to meet GE requirements. It is important to choose a major early and find out what preparation you will need to be admitted to your major. The UC requires that students complete most, if not all, of their major preparation before transfer and the CSU is moving in this direction.
6. **Grades:** Your overall academic performance, as measured by your grade point average (GPA), is another factor in being admitted to a university and earning your degree. There are minimum GPAs (2.0 for CSU/2.4 for UC) set for transfer students that vary slightly by system or institution. A higher minimum GPA is required for admission to popular campuses or majors. It is important for you to find out how to do well in your classes - take advantage of tutoring and campus resources in order to increase your transfer choices and chances.

RCCD offers a rigorous course of study to prepare you for success when you transfer. Make an appointment with one of RCCD's counselors and visit the Transfer Center to find out more about transfer.

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