TRANSFER ORIENTATION
Summer 2016 University Academic Advisement Center (UAAC)
Philosophy of Academic Advising

Academic advising is central to the educational process. It is a multifaceted academic and academically related all-university function intended to facilitate an experience for you that is both educationally and socially meaningful and successful. Academic advising is a continuous process through which you and the advisor design, evaluate and modify a plan that meets your individual needs, educational objectives and University expectations. You will need regular and sensitive advising to achieve your academic goals, clarify your career objectives and better understand how the University can assist you in realizing your goals and objectives.

To find your advisement center, use the following link:
http://www.calstatela.edu/academicadvisementcenter/advisement-centers
Community College transfer students often complete most or all of the lower division GE requirements if they followed the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the CSU GE Breadth pattern of courses.

If you have any questions, please check your community college’s program or meet with your community college counselor. If you have completed any GE blocks or all of the lower division GE requirements, be sure to submit an official transcript to Cal State LA that includes that certification.

If you want to check specific courses, go to [http://www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org).
The WPE must be passed before you complete 90 semester units. Completion of Block A is the prerequisite for the WPE. For the exam, students are given 90 minutes to write an essay on an assigned topic.

For any help or issues enrolling in UNIV 4000, contact the University Testing Center in the Palmer Wing of the Library, Room 2098, or call (323) 343-3160.  
http://www.calstatela.edu/testingcenter

For help in preparing for the exam, contact the University Writing Center in the Palmer Wing of the Library 1039A, or call (323) 343-5350.  
http://web.calstatela.edu/centers/write_cn/
Diversity Requirement – (6 Units)

It is the intent of the diversity requirement to promote understanding of diversity and encourage tolerance and acceptance of others.

(d) – Diversity designation
(re) – Race and Ethnicity designation

You are required to complete two courses certified as diversity courses. One course designated as diversity (d) and one course designated as race and ethnicity (re) or you can take two (re) courses. You may not fulfill the requirement by taking two courses designated as diversity (d) courses.

Check the University Catalog and Schedule of Classes, for the Lower and Upper Division GE Requirements.
CIVIC LEARNING/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – (3 UNITS)

The civic learning requirement gives students opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills, and values that will prepare them for active participation in civic life to make a difference in their communities.

(cl) designation
Students are required to complete one course in the Upper Division GE Requirements that contains the Civic Learning/Community Engagement (cl) component.
These courses are designated by a (cl) in the University Catalog and Schedule of Classes.

WRITING INTENSIVE COURSES – (6 UNITS)

(wi) designation
Students will complete two writing intensive courses with at least one of those courses being in the major.
These courses are designated by a (wi) in the University Catalog and Schedule of Classes.
UPPER DIVISION GE REQUIREMENTS – (9 UNITS)

All Cal State L.A. students must complete a total of nine units from the Upper Division GE Requirements. At least ONE course (3 units) must contain a Civic Learning/Community Engagement (cl) component. From the list of courses that fulfill the Upper Division GE Requirements you will select one course from each of the following areas:

1. Natural Science and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning
2. Arts and Humanities
3. Social Science

Unless your major department has prior approval, you cannot take courses from your major to satisfy the Upper Division GE Requirement. Check with your major advisor if you have any questions.

If you’ve already taken your (wi) course in your major and you need a second one, you may take it from the Upper Division GE courses.

Check the University Catalog or Schedule of Classes for the Upper Division GE Requirements.
ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT FOR REVIEW OF GE COMPLETION AND MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:

1. Transfer students should seek major advisement before classes start or in the first semester of attendance.
   See link below:
   http://www.calstatela.edu/academicadvisementcenter/advisement-centers
2. See your major Department advisor as soon as possible to develop/submit your Individualized Advisement Plan (IAP).
3. Bring a copy of your unofficial transcript(s) to your advisement appointment.

TRANSFER COURSES

Students interested in finding course equivalents for transfer credit taken from community colleges should refer to http://www.assist.org and meet with an advisor in the UAAC (regarding general education courses) or with their major advisor for more information.

See link below:
http://www.calstatela.edu/academicadvisementcenter/advisement-centers
University Tutorial Center

Director: Dr. Howard Masuda
Library South, Palmer Wing 1039 | Phone: (323) 343-3971

The University Tutorial Center offers academic skills support to all currently-enrolled Cal State LA students. Our services include subject-area appointment tutoring, math walk-in tutoring, online tutoring (NetTutor), in-Center and classroom study skills presentations, and an online library of academic skills resources.

We are here for your success. If you have any questions or suggestions, you are welcome to send an email to tutoring@calstatela.edu.
University Tutorial Center

Our Services and Center are:

• Free to all current Cal State LA students.
• Available through one-on-one appointment, walk-In, or online basis.
• Successful in developing skills, increasing knowledge, and understanding course subject matter, as reported by over 98% of the students tutored.
• Staffed with helpful and friendly office assistants and qualified, trained, faculty-recommended peer tutors certified by the International Tutor Certification Program of the College Reading and Learning Association

The Tutors will:

• Assist you in a collaborative & interactive fashion to gain independence and confidence as a learner.
• Not do your homework for you but enable and encourage you to do your own work
• Help develop your knowledge, understanding, and skills in a variety of courses in such fields as business, mathematics, the natural sciences, and humanities.
• Help improve your time management, note-taking, and test-taking skills through study skills workshops/presentations.
University Writing Center

Director: Dr. Lise Buranen
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The Writing Center offers a variety of services to the entire CSULA student body. We can help you:
• With any type of writing assignment at any stage of the process.
• Understand the assignment, organize, and revise your paper.
• Learn to proofread for your most common mistakes.

In addition to one-to-one tutoring for students, we also offer support for the
• WPE
• English 1000
• Any courses that include writing assignments
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