



CAL STATE LA

FALL 2026 TRANSFER ADMISSION UPDATES



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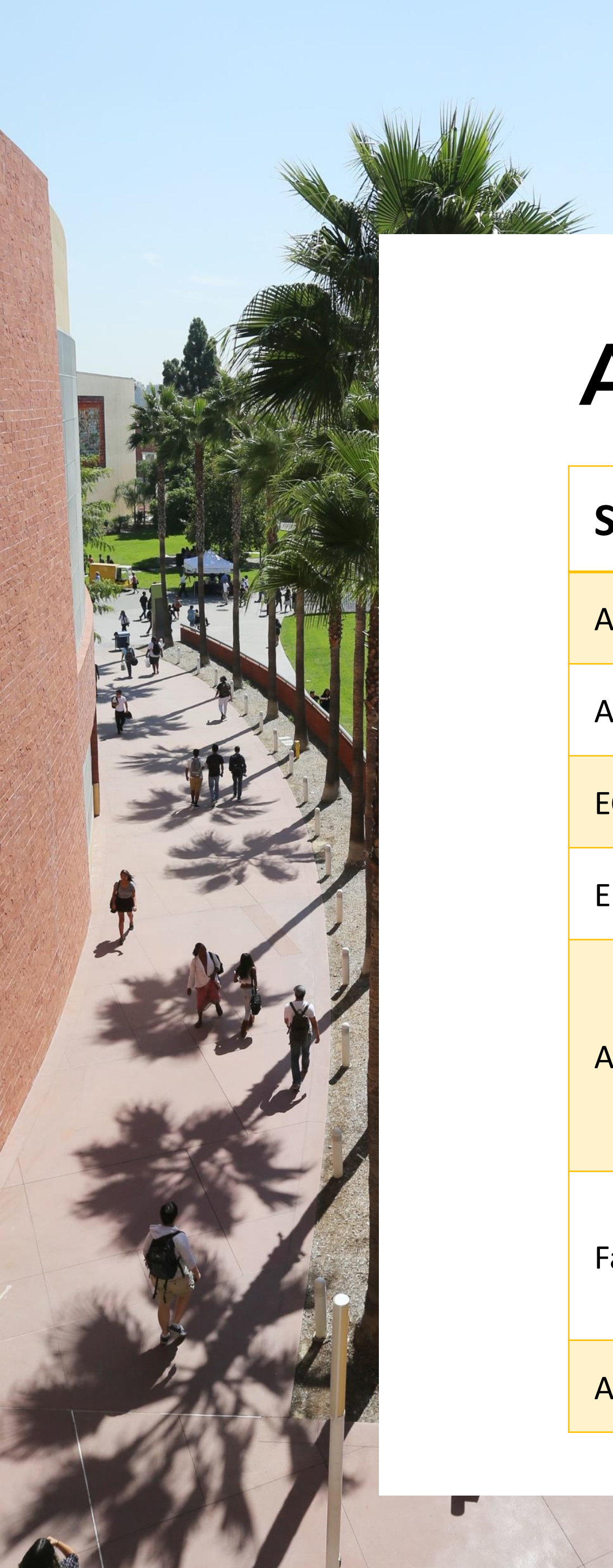
LA Next will strengthen the partnership between Cal State LA and local community colleges by providing guaranteed admissions paths, simplifying the matriculation process, ensuring a smoother transition and driving improved student success outcomes.

GUARANTEED PATHWAYS

- Transfer Success Pathway (TSP)
- Guaranteed Admissions Pathway (GAP)

SERVICES

- Guaranteed admission
- Ongoing support services
- Access to Cal State LA resources
- Invitations to campus events
- LA Next Center @ Cal State LA



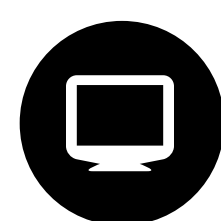
ADMISSION PROFILE (Fall 2025)

SUMMARY	FRESHMEN	TRANSFERS
Applied	35,922	13,299
Admitted	32,914	11,779
ECD Received	3,882	3,024
Enrolled	2,938	2,187
Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT)	N/A	Verified IP ADTs: 8,275 ADTs Admitted: 7,804 ADTs Enrolled: 1,547
Fall 2025 Cut-offs	CA Resident: 2.5 GPA Out-of-State: 3.0 GPA	Transfer cut-offs vary by program
Average GPA for admitted students	3.43	3.34



FALL 2026

ADMISSIONS AT A GLANCE



NO LONGER IMPACTED

Computer Science BS
Television, Film and Media Studies BA



COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS

By end of Spring 2026



PROVISIONAL ADMISSIONS

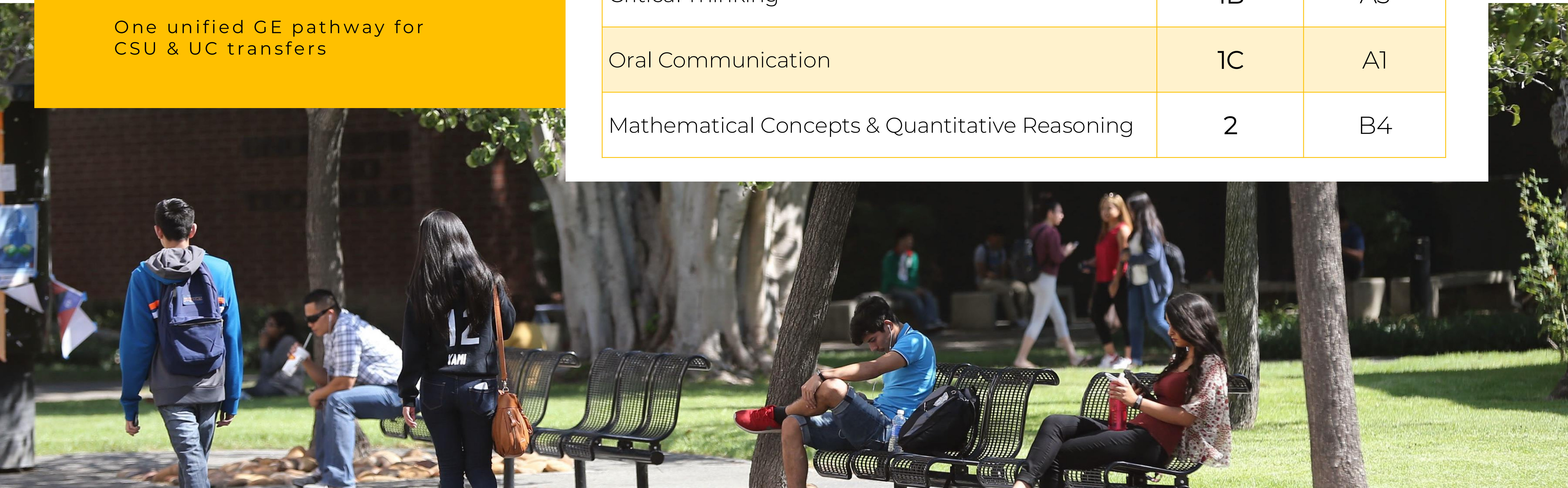
Most admission decisions
are made using self-
reported information

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Golden 4 GE Areas

One unified GE pathway for
CSU & UC transfers

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) SUBJECT	NEW GE AREA	FORMER CSU GE AREA
English Composition	1A	A2
Critical Thinking	1B	A3
Oral Communication	1C	A1
Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	2	B4



CSU MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

LOWER-DIVISION TRANSFERS

Lower-division transfer applicants must have **fewer than 60 transferable semester units** and meet these minimum requirements.

For Fall admission, requirements must be met by the end of the Spring term. *If a student reaches 60+ units by the end of Summer, they'll be reclassified as upper-division transfer and will be held to the upper-division transfer requirements.*



MEET CSU FRESHMEN REQUIREMENTS

Graduate from high school or earn a GED; Complete A-G coursework with grades of C- or better; Earn an A-G GPA of 2.50+ (CA) or 3.00+ (non-CA)



TRANSFERABLE UNITS & GE BREADTH COURSES

Have fewer than 60 transferable semester units (or 90 quarter units) and have completed the following GE courses with C- or better.

- English Composition (Area 1A)
- Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning (Area 2)



TRANSFERABLE GPA

Overall transferable GPA of 2.00 or higher



ACADEMIC STANDING

Be in good standing at last college attended



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

If a student attended a high school taught in English for less than 3 years, they must also meet the English Language Proficiency requirement (TOEFL, IELTS, PTE or DuoLingo English).

CSU MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

UPPER-DIVISION TRANSFERS

Upper-division transfer applicants must have **60+ transferable semester units** and meet these minimum requirements.

For Fall admission, all requirements must be completed by the end of the Spring term.

MAJOR SPECIFIC CRITERIA (MSC)

Some majors are competitive/specialized and have additional criteria.
Criminal Justice | Fire Protection Administration | Music (BM) |
Nursing | Psychology | Social Work |
Urban Learning-Teacher Prep



TRANSFERABLE UNITS

Complete at least 60 semester units (or 90 quarter units), which should include 30 semester units of CSU GE coursework.



GE BREADTH COURSES

Complete the “Golden 4” GE courses with C- or better:

- English Composition (Area 1A)
- Critical Thinking (Area 1B)
- Oral Communication (Area 1C)
- Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning (Area 2)



TRANSFERABLE GPA

Overall transferable GPA of 2.00 or higher



ACADEMIC STANDING

Be in good standing at last college attended



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

If a student completed fewer than 60 units at a college taught in English, they will need to meet the English Language Proficiency requirement (TOEFL, IELTS, PTE or DuoLingo English).



COMPETITIVE AND SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

MAJOR SPECIFIC CRITERIA (MSC)

Some Cal State LA majors have additional admission requirements.

- 4 are highly competitive majors.
- 3 others have specialized requirements.

*Except for MUS BM, most are CLOSED to Lower Division Transfers

www.calstatela.edu/admissions/major-specific-criteria



COMPETITIVE MAJORS

- Criminal Justice BS*
- Nursing BSN*
- Psychology BA*
- Social Work BA*



SPECIALIZED MAJORS

Majors with unique supplemental criteria based on curriculum.

- Fire Protection Administration Tech BS* – lower division Fire Science courses
- Music BM – performance audition for admission
- Urban Learning BA: Teacher Prep* – requires 2.50 GPA for teaching credential



SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

For Fall 2026 admissions:

- Music BM – Auditions due Feb 6, 2026
- Nursing BSN – NursingCAS app due Jan 15, 2026

FOREIGN COURSEWORK



Applicants with foreign college coursework:

- If will have less than 60 semester units completed at a CCC, should plan to take an **English Language Proficiency Exam**
 - TOEFL, PTE, IELTS, DuoLingo English
- Plan to **submit all college transcripts** for manual evaluation.
- Lower Division Transfers with foreign high school attendance should also submit their high school transcript.



RETURNING STUDENT TYPES

RETURNING STUDENT VS. RETURNING TRANSFER

Students who return to Cal State LA after a break fall into different categories, depending on whether they've taken courses elsewhere or left in good standing.

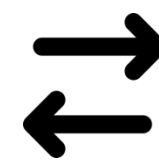
RETURN FROM EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

Applies to students who have been away from Cal State LA for 2 years or less and in good academic standing



RETURNING STUDENT

- Student hasn't taken classes at another institution (including Open University) since leaving Cal State LA.
- Readmission is based on prior academic standing.
- If changing majors, must meet transfer admission requirements.



RETURNING TRANSFER

- Student has taken classes at another school (or through Open University) since leaving Cal State LA.
- Readmission is based on prior academic standing.
- Must also meet transfer admission requirements.



ACADEMIC DISQUALIFICATION

If a student left while on disqualification:

- They must reapply for admission
- Meet with an academic advisor in their intended major
- Advisor confirms eligibility/readiness for readmission.

TRANSFER ADMISSION ROUNDS



Non-Competitive/ Non-Specialized Majors

CSU eligible applicants are guaranteed admission to these majors.

Competitive/ Specialized Majors

Except for Nursing BSN and Music BM, CSU eligible applicants who meet the required minimum MSC GPA and prerequisites are admitted.

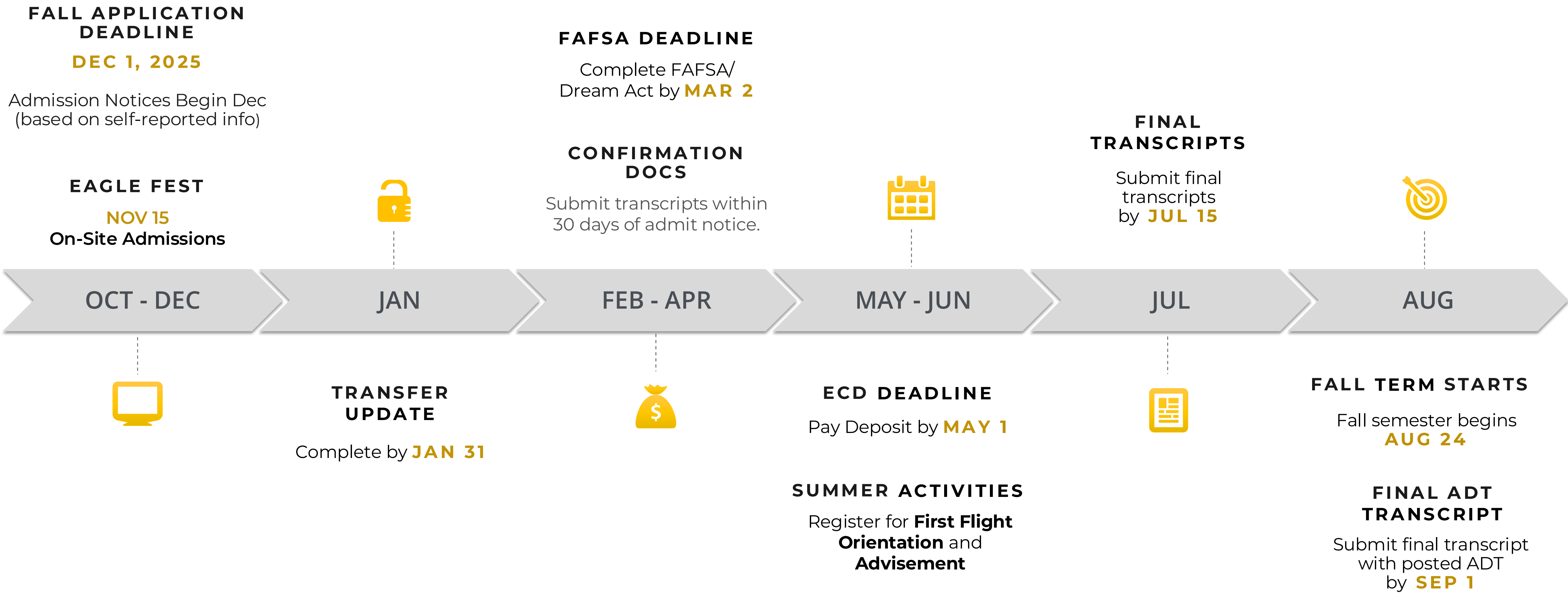
Space Available By Major

When space is available after Rounds 1 and 2, CSU eligible applicants are ranked by completed MSC requirements. Local applicants will receive a 0.25 GPA bump.



TRANSFER TIMELINE

ENROLLMENT PROCESS



CAL STATE APPLY TIPS

When creating Cal State Apply (CSA) accounts

- Use a **personal email** (not school email)
- Enter their **legal name** exactly as on official records
- Report their SSN (if available) – needed for financial aid
- Save their Cal State Apply CAS ID and login info

To fill out the application

- Have unofficial transcripts for all colleges attended ready for quick reference
- Report and send AP, IB, or CLEP test scores for course credit.

Need help?

- Use the Cal State Apply Applicant Help Center – a live chat is available!

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Fall 2025 & Spring 2

Go From Here.

The CSU unlocks opportunity with
affordable degrees that lead to careers.

Apply Now!

The CSU: What You're Searching For.



COMMON CSA TROUBLE SPOTS

- Colleges Attended Section
 - Report all colleges attended
 - Indicated correct term type
- College Coursework Section
 - Enter **all college courses** taken (and planned for Spring 2026)
 - Report **Academic Renewals and Repeats** – whenever possible, get them finalized before submitting the app
 - Remember to indicate **Transferable** for manually entered courses
- General Education Section
 - Accurate matching of GE courses (or exam credit) to satisfy the Golden 4



REMINDERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FINAL TERM

- Earn at least a 'C-' or better in all Golden 4 and final term courses to stay on track for CSU admissions.
- Keep their overall transferable GPA strong – maintain or exceed their application GPA.
- Complete all requirements by the end of Spring 2026.
- Submit official AP/IB/CLEP scores used to meet admission requirements ASAP
- Send official final college transcripts (with posted Spring 2026 grades) by July 15.
- Make sure contact information is up to date – don't miss important next steps emails!



TRANSFER STUDENTS

CSU COUNSELOR RESOURCES

- Sign up for CSU Counselor Email Updates
- CSU Counselor Conference Presentations
- Application Fee Waiver Checklist
- CSU Admission Handbook
 - Golden 4
 - GE Options
 - Catalog Rights



www.calstate.edu/apply/counselor-resources

CAL STATE LA EAGLE FEST

Saturday, November 15, 2025
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

