

Overview of the Associates Degree to Transfer Opportunity

There has been long standing relationship between the California Community Colleges and the CSU and UC systems with regards to transfer students. Until the 90's, the CSUs and UCs developed their own transfer pathways with their local community colleges. The community college had an agreement with their local 4-year university where a student would complete an AA in General Education then transfer to the local 4-year university with their general education requirements completed. Sometimes completing an AA at the local community college also granted priority in admission to a school, priority in admission to a particular major and/or priority in registration for classes within the first term. This generated a number of one-off agreements between schools within specific geographic areas.

In the 90's there was a push for a more universal effort so that a student could easily transfer to any CSU or UC regardless of which community college in the state the student attended. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) was born. As there are currently 114 community colleges in California, all with their own course names and numbering schemes, the IGETC created a universal language between the various schools.

For Westmont, it is important to know that the IGETC maps on loosely to our GE's but not perfectly, as our GEs are based on what is being taught within each course not what department or division teaches the course. Our GE curriculum also requires the Common Context courses, a Modern Foreign Language course and PEA courses, all of which are not included in the IGETC.

The Associates Degree to Transfer (ADT) is built upon the IGETC. Each ADT is based on the completion of the IGETC and on completing the designated lower division requirements for a major at the community college level. The aim of the ADT program is to have as many colleges accept it as possible to ease the transferability of students from the California Community College to in-state 4-year schools. The CSUs accept the ADTs. The UCs accept some but not all, and acceptance varies by campus.

If a student completes an Associates Degree to Transfer they have:

- Guaranteed admission to a CSU
- Priority when applying to a program that matches their ADT
- Enter with junior standing
- Don't have to repeat similar courses to the ones they took for their ADT
- Have their GEs met by the ADT