



Merritt College Counseling Department

Articulation Notes
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- 1. SJSU Application Deadlines** Memo below notes major change in deadline dates for SJSU applications. More and more CSUs are going to close their doors earlier than usual due to over enrollment.

Gentle reminder: San Diego State and Long Beach State want 60 transferable units completed prior to transfer in fall 2003. Chico State gives priority admission to students with 60 transferable units completed prior to transfer.

Probably a good idea to tell students considering CSU to try to complete 60 transferable units. It gives them bona fide junior status if they have this under their belts before transfer.

"Because of unprecedented student demand and a difficult state budget situation, many California State University campuses are putting in place measures to manage enrollments in order to avoid compromising the quality of instruction. Some campuses, especially those with officially impacted programs, are setting application deadlines at the end of the CSU initial filing period, November 30th. San José State University had anticipated remaining open for applications somewhat longer but must now set the following deadline dates for receipt of Fall 2003 undergraduate applications:

December 1, 2002: Deadline for lower division transfer students (fewer than 56 transferable semester units), including lower division students with international documents.

February 1, 2003: Deadline for all other undergraduate applicants: first time freshmen, upper division transfer students (including those with international documents), second baccalaureate degree students, and former SJSU students returning

Exception:

March 1, 2003: Deadline for students who are eligible for Educational Opportunity Program support; students who apply after February 1, and who are found not to be eligible for EOP support, will not be reviewed for Fall 2003 admission.

Receipt of applications by the above dates assures priority consideration for Fall 2003 admission. Should student demand and budgetary conditions warrant, SJSU could elect to extend deadlines for admission to selected programs and/or class levels beyond these new dates. Prospective applicants, however, should not expect or rely upon any extensions.

Some published materials show later SJSU deadline dates for all the above categories. It is unfortunate that these changes have to be made in light of the state's budget concerns. Please continue to see info.sjsu.edu ("Admissions" on the SJSU web page) for the most up to date information. SJSU strongly encourages use of CSU Mentor materials (www.csumentor.edu) for all applications. The university appreciates the understanding of its community during this difficult period."

2. **UC Davis Notes** Recent memo from UC Davis below:

Spring 2003: UC Davis is unable to accept applications or appeals for Spring 2003 admission. Please encourage eligible students to apply for Fall 2003.

Fall 2003: We encourage eligible students to apply! See the checklist below to chart student progress.

- Complete 60 transferable units by Fall 2003.
- A GPA of 2.4 meets UC minimum eligibility to apply, but a 2.80 GPA and above is most competitive at UC Davis.
- Complete UC minimum eligibility by Spring 2003: 2 English, 1 Math, and a 4 course pattern.
- See pg. 9 of the UC application for more details on UC minimum eligibility for transfer students.
- Prepare for your major. Complete required courses for our more selective majors by Spring 2003.
- See <www.assist.org> for details about course articulation.

The UC application filing period is November 1 through November 30, 2002. Applications must be postmarked or submitted during this period. Students may obtain paper applications from the community college Transfer/Counseling Center or apply online at www.ucop.edu/pathways/appctr.html.

Fee Waivers: The University of California will waive application fees for up to four campuses for qualified students who otherwise would be unable to apply for admission. See page 3 of the UC Application for details. Andrea Benjamin at UC Davis (530) 752-3227, can provide more information about your qualifications.

Helpful Hints for students: Photocopy your application and begin a college application file. Ask for a U.S. Postal Service Certificate of Mailing when sending in the application (do not send as registered or certified mail.)

Scholarships: Don't let students miss out on scholarship dollars! Pages 37 - 38 of the UC application outline UC Davis scholarship procedures. Please read these carefully, as well as pages 34 35, which provide general information.