



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This agreement is effective as of March 6, 2005, by and between NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, an independent, non-profit, public benefit corporation (University), whose address is 11355 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037-1011, and the CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE (CCCCO), whose address is 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-6511.

The University's administrative and academic headquarters for 30 regional locations enters into this agreement with the systemwide Chancellor's Office for 109 California Community Colleges and 72 Community College districts. The purpose of this agreement is to encourage California Community College (CCC) students who have completed their lower-division transfer requirements or a CCC associate's degree to transfer to the University by ensuring acceptance of prior coursework. CCC transfer students will be afforded the following opportunities:

I. GUARANTEED ADMISSION

CCC transfer students will be guaranteed admission to the University if they have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average (g.p.a.) of 2.0 or higher at the time of admission (some majors may require a higher incoming cumulative g.p.a.) and all credits accrued for transfer are from a regionally accredited institution.

II. TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT

Units taken at a CCC and accepted by a CCC towards an associate's degree, up to a maximum of 69 semester units, will be transferable to the University as long as the student has received a passing grade in each course. Non-baccalaureate transfer credit is limited to 12 semester units. The University will also accept nontraditional credits such as CLEP, DANTES, and ACE for a maximum of 39 lower-division semester units and will provide the CCCs with credit value for each of the above.

III. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The University agrees to accept the CSU General Education Breadth pattern, the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum or a CCC associate's degree that includes either of the foregoing within it in lieu of its own lower division general education requirements. The University also recognizes liberal studies course work for transfer to a Bachelor of Arts in Multiple Subjects for those students preparing for a teaching career in elementary education.

IV. ARTICULATION

The University will 1) provide the CCCs with the major preparation requirements for each of its majors, and 2) initiate major preparation articulation agreements with all CCCs. The University will publish transfer information for the CCC Transfer Centers.

V. CATALOG RIGHTS

Students will retain catalog rights from the academic year of enrollment at the community college for lower division preparation as long as they are continuously enrolled at a CCC to the point of transfer (not to exceed seven years). Upon completion of a minimum of 30 semester units at a CCC, students will be eligible to concurrently enroll in up to one course per quarter at the University.

If the University modifies the degree requirements or prerequisites, the student will be accommodated with equivalent coursework and not be penalized in total units required for their undergraduate degree. All students will retain catalog rights for general education requirements at the time of admission.

VI. STUDENT ADVISING

The University will provide pre-transfer advising to community college students through online, onsite, and telephonic advising. The University will participate in college fairs and the University's regional locations will maintain outreach efforts with CCCs in their region. The University's Office of the Registrar will maintain articulation agreements with community colleges on its website and will interact with community college Transfer Center Directors. In addition, faculty advising by discipline will be available to future transfer students prior to and once enrolled at the University. Materials for potential transfer students will be available in hard copy and online to augment the ease of transfer. The University will provide separate advising for international and military students.

VII. ENROLLMENT FEE AND TUITION

The University will 1) waive the standard application fee (\$60), and 2) scholarship the last two classes (nearly \$2,000) of a bachelor's degree program for transferring CCC students who meet the following criteria:

- Are in good academic standing at the time of application;
- Completed 30 semester units at a CCC or combination of CCCs; and,
- Their last semester of enrollment was at a CCC.

VIII. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A. Collegiate Honors Scholarships

Students transferring with collegiate honors (3.50 cumulative g.p.a.) will be eligible for a scholarship at the University (\$1,600) that can be applied at the beginning of their program to help offset the tuition expenditures.

B. Presidential Scholarships

The University provides up to sixty Presidential Tuition Scholarships per year (\$2,500) for students meeting the outlined criteria. The Presidential Tuition Scholarship is available to students who are eligible for Federal Student Aid to assist them with the cost of tuition. This scholarship is available for annual renewal. Students are eligible that are 1) educationally and economically disadvantaged who have been historically underrepresented, 2) single parents with financial need, or 3) persons with a verified disability with financial need.

C. California Community College Scholarship

Each CCC will be able to award one scholarship per fiscal year for a minimum of \$1,600 for an outstanding incoming transfer student. The University will collaborate with local community colleges to select the student.

[It is noted that receipt of the Cal Grant does not preclude students from receiving additional scholarships noted in this section.]

IX. STATEWIDE AVAILABILITY AND DELIVERY METHODS

CCC transfer students will have access to academic programs offered at any of the current or future onsite locations with the exception of military bases as well as the current and future courses available in an online learning environment. Students located in an area not in close proximity to a campus of the University will be afforded the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree online, choosing from among 12 baccalaureate-level programs available via the Internet. Students may take a combination of online and onsite courses and maintain the same program of study. Not all undergraduate programs and courses are available at all regional sites and in online formats and in some courses or locations enrollment may be restricted due to capacity constraints. In these cases, the University agrees to make every effort to provide additional offerings or expand sections to accommodate demand. The University is willing to offer upper-division courses at some branches of CCC on a space available basis.

X. DATA

Annually, the University will provide the CCCCCO with the number of transfer students and their persistence rates for each transferring campus.

XI. MARKETING

The CCCCCO and appropriate staff, including the Coordinator of Transfer and Articulation, will work with the University to develop an internal and external marketing plan to communicate and publicize the Chancellor's support of this agreement to all CCC campuses. The Coordinator of Transfer and Articulation will assist in promoting this opportunity to each CCC and ensure that Transfer Center Directors understand the benefits of the program for students. The University will work with individual community colleges to assist in dissemination of information to students regarding awareness of Cal Grant deadlines and eligibility requirements.

XII. TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY

The term of this agreement shall be two years commencing on the date first set forth above, provided that either party may terminate this agreement, without cause, at any time, upon thirty days prior written notice to the other party. If the agreement is terminated, all students currently identified on or before the date of termination will retain their transfer guarantee and all other terms stated in the agreement.

This agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the transaction and may not be amended, unless in writing and signed by both parties.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY,
a non-profit, public benefit corporation

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