

Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act
SB 1440 (Padilla)

The goal of the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR) is to simplify and increase the efficiency of the transfer process for community college students pursuing a baccalaureate degree at a California State University campus.

The proposed legislation does the following:

- Requires the CCC to grant an associate's degree for transfer, which leads to a CSU baccalaureate major for a student who meets all of the following:
 - Completes 60 transferable semester units or 90 quarter units, which must include the following course patterns:
 - Completion of the CSU general education breadth requirements or IGETC;
 - Completion of a **minimum of** 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community colleges.
- ~~• Requires students to maintain a 2.0 GPA or above (higher GPA requirements and/or the completion of specific prerequisite courses may be required for impacted programs or campuses).~~
- Prohibits the CCC from imposing any additional requirements beyond the requirements referenced above, including any local or district requirements, for a student to be eligible for the associate degree and subsequent admission to the California State University pursuant to this section.
- Stipulates that non-collegiate coursework does not count toward the 60 units of transferable credit that leads to a CSU baccalaureate degree.
- Declares that students who are assessed below collegiate level may still pursue basic skills courses in order to move into this transfer pathway.
- Requires the CSU to guarantee admission at junior standing to any community college student who meets the 60 unit requirements specified above. This does not guarantee admission for specific majors or campuses. The SCU, however, shall give these transfer students priority admission to a program or major that is similar to his or her community college major or area of emphasis.
- Permits CSU to require a transfer student to take additional courses at either the upper or lower division level upon transfer as long as the student is not required to take more than 60 units at the CSU after transfer for majors requiring 120 semester or 180 quarter units. This proposal exempts high unit majors from this requirement and directs the Chancellors of the CSU and the California Community Colleges in collaboration with the Academic Senates to agree upon what high unit majors are exempt from this provision.
- Prohibits the CSU from requiring community college transfer students to repeat courses taken at the community college that were counted toward their associate's degree.
- Exempts specified high unit majors from this requirement upon agreement by the Chancellor's of the CSU and CCC and the respective academic senates.*
- Requires implementation of this Act by the fall academic year 2011.*

*These provisions will be added to the bill as author's amendments in committee or in Appropriations.